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GOD KYNGE OF ENGLANDE FRAVNCÉ
AND IRELANDE; DEFENDOVR OF THE FAITH,

and of the church of Englande, and also of Ireland,
in earthe the supreme heade: to the honour of almyghtie
God, and for the concorde, quiete, and wealthe of this
his realme, and subiectes of the same, beganne this
thirde Session of his moste high court of parliament at
westminster, the XIII. daye of Januarie, in the

five and thirtie yere of his maiesties moste no-
ble and victorious reigne, and there held

and continued the same thirde ses-

son tyll the xxix. day of Marche,

in the sayd five and thirtie

yere, wherin were esta-

blished these actes

folowynge.



LONDINI

IN ædibus Thomæ Bertheleti regij im-
pressoris typis excusum.

ANNO verbi incarnati M. D. XLIII.

CVM PRIVILEGIO AD IMPRI-
MENDVM SOLVM.

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WHERE IN THE parliament, holdē at westminster, the VII. day of June, in the XXVIII. yere of the reigne of our most dread soueraigne lord king HENRY the VII. an act was had and made for the establishment of the succession of the imperiall crowne of this realme of England, by which acte emonges diuers other thinges, it was enacted, that the imperial crowne of this realme, with al dignities, honours, preeminences, prerogatiues, auctorities, and iurisdiccions to the same annexed, or belonging, shuld be to the kynges maiestie & his heyres of his body lawfully begotten: that is to saye, to the fyrst sonne of his body betwene his highnes & his the lawfull wife quene IANE now deceased begotten, & to the heyres of the bodye of the same fyrst sonne lawfully begotten. And for defaulte of such heyres, then to the second sonne of his highnes bodye, and of the bodye of the sayde quene Jane begotten, and to the heyres of the body of the same second sonne begotten, wyth diuers other limitacions of the estates, couerances, and remainders of the sayde imperial crowne, and other the premises. And it was also enacted further by the said statute, that for lacke of issue of our sayd soueraigne lord the kings body lawfully begotten. That then his highnes shulde and mighte geue, will, limite, assigne, appoynt, or dispose the sayd imperial crowne, & other the premises, to what person or persons, and geue the same person or persons suche estate in the same, as it shoulde please his maiestie: by his gracious letters patents vnder the greate seale, or by hys last will in wyting, signed with hys most gracious hande, as by the same act emonges diuers other thinges therein toshewned more at large it doth appere. Sithen the makynge of which acte the kynges maiestie hath the onely issue of his body lawfully begotten betwixt his highnes and his sayd late wyfe queene Jane, the noble and excellent pryncer, pryncer Edward, whome almightie god long preserue. And also his maiestie hath now of late sythen the deth of the sayd quene Jane, take to his wyfe the most vertuous and gracypoule ladye Katheryne, nowe quene of Englande, late wyfe of John Hewill, knight, lord Latimer deceased, by whom as yet his maiestie hath none issue, but may haue full well, when it shall please god. And forasmuch as our sayd most dread soueraigne lord the kinge, vpon good and iuste groundes and causes, entendeth by gods grace, to make a voyage royall in hys most roial person, into the realme of fraunce against his auncient enemye the frenche kyng: hys highnes most prudentlye and wysely considering and caling to hys remembraunce, how this realme standeth at this present tyme in the case of successiō, and passing and waiting further with him self, the great trust and confidence that his louing subiectes haue had, and haue in him, putting in his handes wholy the ordre and declaratiō of the succession of this realme: Recognising and knowleging also, that it is in the only pleasure

pleasure and will of almighty god, how longe his highnes or his sayd entierly beloued sonne prince EDVVARDE shall lyue, and whether the sayde prince shall haue heires of his body lawfully begotten or not, or whether his highnes shall haue heyres begotten and procreated betwene his maiestie and his sayd most dere and entierly beloued wife quene KATHERINE that now is, or any lawfull heyres and issues hereafter of his owne body begottē by any other his lawfull wife. And albeit that the higes mooste excellent maiestie, for default of such heyres as be enheritable by the saide acte, myght by the auctoritie of the sayd acte gene and dispose the sayd imperial crowne, & other the premisses, by his letters patentēs vnder his great seale, or by his last will in wytyng signed with his moost gracious hand, to any person or persons, of suche estate therein, as shoulde please his highnes to lymitte and appoint: yet to the entent that is maiesties disposition and minde therein should be openly declared and manifestly knowen, and notified as well to the lordes spirituall and tempozall, as to all other his louing and obedient subiectes of this his realme, to the intent that they assent and consent mighte appere to concurre with thus farre as foloweth of his maiesties Declaration in this behalfe: His maiestie therefore thinketh convenient, afore his departure beyond the seas, that it be enacted by his highnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliamēt assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, and therefore be it enacted by thaurtority aforesayd, that in case it shal happen the kinges maiestie, and the sayd excellent prince his yet onely sonne prince EDWARDE and heyre aparāt, to Deceasse without heyre of eyther of the sayd bodies lawfully begotten (as god defend) so that there be no suche heyre male or female of any of the sayd two bodies, to haue & enherite the sayd imperial crowne and other his dominions, according & in suche maner and fourme as in the foresaid act, & now in this is declared: That then the sayd imperial crowne, and all other the premisses, shalbe to the lady MARY, the kinges highnes daughter, and to the heyres of the body of the same lady Mary lawfully begotten, with such condicions, as by his highnes shalbe limited by his letters patentēs vnder his great seale, or by his maiesties last wil in wytyng signed with his gracious hand. And for defaulte of suche issue, the sayde imperial crowne and other the premisses, shalbe to the lady ELIZABETH, the kynges second daughter, and to the heyres of the body of the sayd lady Elizabeth lawfully begotten, with suche condicions, as by his highnes shalbe limited by his letters patentēs vnder his greates seale, or by his maiesties last wyl in wytyng, signed with his gracious hand, any thyng in the sayd acte made in the sayd XXVII. yere of our saide soueraigne lord, to the contrary of this acte, not withstanding.

¶ PROVIDED alwaye and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that if the sayd lady Mary do not kepe & perfoyme such condicions, wherby the kynges maiestie shal hereafter by his graces letters patentēs, sealed vnder his great seale, or by his maiesties last wyl in wytyng, signed with his highnes

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nes hand, declare and limitte to her said estate, in the sayd imperial crowne, and other the premisses: That then and from thensforth, for lacke of heires of the seuerall bodies of the kynges maiestie and the sayde prynce Edward lawfully begotten, the sayd imperial crowne, and other the premisses, shalbe and come to the sayd lady Elizabeth, and to the heires of her body lawfully begotten, in suche lyke maner and forme, as though the sayd lady Mary were then deade, without any heire of her body begotten, any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

AN D be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if the sayde lady Mary do kepe and performe suche condicions, whiche the kynges maiestie shal hereafter by his graces letters patentes, sealed vnder his great seale, or by his maiesties last wil in wyting, signed with his highnes hand, declare and limitte to her sayde estate, as is aforesayde. And that the sayde lady Elizabeth, for her parte, do not kepe and performe suche condicions, whiche the kynges maiestie shal hereafter by his graces letters patentes, sealed vnder his great seale, or by his highnes laste wyll in wyttinge, signed with his most gracious hand, declare and limitte to her sayd estate in forme aforesaid: That then and from thensforth, for lacke of heires of the seuerall bodies of the kynges maiestie, the sayd lord prynce, and of the sayde lady Mary lawfully begotten, the sayde imperial crowne and other the premisses, shalbe and come to suche person and persons, and of suche estate and estates, as the kynges hyghnes by his letters patentes, sealed vnder his great seale, or by his last wil in wyting, signed with his maiesties hand, shal limitte and appoynte.

PROVIDED alwaye that if the sayd lady Mary do not kepe and performe such condicions, whiche shalbe limited and appoynted to her sayde estate in the sayde imperial crowne, and other the premisses, as is aforesayd: and the sayde lady Elizabeth beinge then deade without any heire of her body lawfully begotten: That then and from thensforthe, for lacke of heires of the seuerall bodies of the kynges maiestie, and the said lord prynce, lawfully begotten, the said imperial crowne, and other the premisses, shal be, come, and remayne, to suche person and persons, and of suche estate and estates, as the kynges highnes by his letters patentes, sealed vnder his great seale, or by his last wil in wyting, signed with his maiesties hande, shal limitte and appoynte.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that in case the kynges maiestie do not declare and limitte by his letters patentes, or by his last will, in forme as is aforesayd, any condicion to the estates and interestes afore limited to the said lady Mary and lady Elizabeth, nor to the state or interest of any of them: That then every such of the sayd lady Mary & lady Elizabeth, to whose estate or interest no condicion shalbe limited by the kynges maiestie in forme aforesayd, shal haue and enioye suche interest estate and remainder in the sayd imperial crowne, and other the premisses, as is before limited by this act, without any maner of condicion: Any thing

in this presente acte to the contrary therof not withstanding.

C And foras much as it standeth in the onely pleasure & wyl of almyghty god, whether the kynges maiestie shall haue anye heyres begotten and procreated bet wene his hyghnes, and hys sayde most enterly beloued wyfe quene Barherin, or by any other his lawfull wyfe, or whether the sayd prince Edward shall haue issue of his body lawfully begotten, or whether the lady Mary, and lady Elizabeth, or any of them, shall haue anye issue of anye of theyr seuerall bodyes lawfullpe begotten, and if suche heyres shulde faile (whyrthe god defende) and no prouision made in the kynges lyfe, who shulde rule and gouerne this realme, for lacke of suche heyres, as in this present acte is afoze mencioned: That then this realme, after the kinges transitory lyfe, and for lacke of suche heyres, shuld be destitute of a lawfull gouernour, to ordeine, rule and gouerne the same. Be it therfoze enacted by the auctorytie of this present parliament, that the kynges highnes shall haue full power and auctorytie, to geue, dispose, appoynt, assigne, declare, and limite by hys gracious letters patentes vnder his great seale, or ellis by his highnes last will made in wryting, and signed with his most gracious hand, at his only pleasure, from time to time hereafter, the imperfall crowne of this realme, & all other the premisses, to be, remaine, succede, and come after his deceasse, and for lack of lawfull heyres of either of the bodyes of the kinges highnes and prince Edward begotten, and also for lake of lawfull heyres of the bodies of the sayd lady Mary, and lady Elizabeth to be procreated and begotten, as is afoze limited in this acte, to such person or persons in remainder or reuersion, as shall please his highnes, & according to such estate, and after such maner and forme fashon order or condicion, as shalbe expressely declared named & limited in his highnes letters patentes, or by his last will in wryting signed with his most gracious hand, as is afozesayd: Any thing contrarye in this present acte, or in the sayd former acte, to the contrary therof in any wyse notwithstanding.

C And for further corroboration of this presente acte, and of the sayde acte made in the sayde XXVII. yere of our sayd soueraigne lord, and also vnterly to exclude the longe vsurped power auctorytie and iurisdiction of the byshoppes of Rome, where in the sayde acte made for the establisment of the kynges succession, at the sayde parliament holden at westminster the VIII. daye of June, in the XXVIII. yere of the kinges maiesties raigne, there is one oth limited in the sayd acte, as in the sayd acte amongst other thynges appereth. And where also at the sayde parliament, there was an other statute made and ordeyned agaynst such as wolde bothertoll and stand to the iurisdiction power and auctorytie of the see and bishop of Rome, in whyrthe statute ther is compysed an other othe in suche wyse, as in the same statute amongst other thyngs is mencioned. Forasmuch as in both the sayd othes, mencioned in the sayd seueral actes, there lacketh ful and sufficient wordes, wherby some doubttes might arise: Therfoze be it enacted by auctorytie of this present parliament, that from and after the laste day of this session, all and

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and every suche persone and persones, which be ordered and limited by the sayd several actes, to take the sayde othes mencioned in the same actes, shal from thennsforth, in lieu and place of those two othes, take & sweare this corporal othe, accordinge to the tenor ensuing. And that they, which haue already sworne the other foresaid othes or any of them, shall take and esteime it of the same effecte and force, as though they had sworne this. whiche former othes not withstanding, bicause they be not so pithie to al effectes, nor so plainly set forth, as were conuenient. Therfore be it enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that after this present session, the sayd othes, specified in the said several artes, shal not hereafter be ministred, nor any person hereafter be compelled to accept the same, and this othe hereafter mencioned this acte, to stand in force and place of the sayde two othes.

CF, A. B. hauinge now the baile of darcknes of the vsurped power, auctorite, and iurisdiction of the see and bishoppes of Rome clerely taken awaye from myne eyes, do vtterly testify and declare in my conscience, that neyther the see nor the bishop of Rome, nor any forayne potestate, hath nor ought to haue any iurisdiction power, or auctorite within this realme, neither by goddes lawe, nor by any other iust lawe or meanes. And though by sufferance and abusions in times passed, they aforesayde haue vsurped, and benedicated a sayned and an vnlawfull power and iurisdiction within this realme, whiche hath ben suppozted tyll se we yeres passed, therfore bycause it might be demed and thoughte therby, that I toke or take it for iuste and good, I therfore now do clerely and frankly renounce, refuse, relinquish and forsake that pretended auctozite, power, and iurisdiction, both of the see and bishop of Rome, and of al other forayne powers: And that I shal neuer consent, nor agre, that the foresayd see or bishoppe of Rome, or any of theyr successours, shall practise, exercise, or haue any maner of auctorite, iurisdiction, or power, within this realme, or any other the kynges realmes or dominions, nor any forayne potestate, of what estate, degree, or condicion so euer he be, but that I shal resiste the same at all times, to the vttermost of my power: And that I shal beare faith the trowth and trewe alegiaunce, to the kynges maiestie, and to his heyres and successours, declared or hereafter to be declared by auctorite of the acte made in the session of the parliamente holden at westminster the xiiij. day of January, in the rxxv. yeare and in the sayde acte made in the rxxviij. yeare of the kynges maiestes reigne: And that I shal accept, repete, and take the kynges maiestie, his heyres and successours, when they or any of them shal enioy his place, to be the onelye supreme head in earth vnder god of the church of Englande and Ireland, and of al other his highnesses dominions: And that with my body cunningge, witte, and vttermoste of my power, without guile, fraude, or other vndue meane, I shal obserue, kepe, maynteyne, and defende all the kynges maiesties styles, titles, and rightes, with the hole effectes and contentes of the actes prouyded for the same, and all other actes and statutes made or to be made within this realme, in and for that purpose, and the derogation

rogation, extirpation, and extinguishtment of the vsurped and pretended auctoritie, power, and iurisdiction of the see and byshop of Rome, and all other forayne potestates, as afore: And also aswell the sayde statute made in the sayde XXVIII. yere, as the statute made in the sayde session of the parliament, holden the XXXV. yere of the kynges maiesties raigne, for establishment and declaration of his highnes succession, and all actes and statutes made and to be made in conformation and corroboration of the kynges maiesties power, and supremacie in earthe of the church of Englands, and of Irelande, and other his graces dominions, I shall also defende and maintayne with my bodye and goodes, and with all my wytte and power, and this I shall do agaynst all maner of persons, of what estate, dignitie, degree or condition they be, and in no wise do nor attempt, nor to my power suffer, nor knowe to be done or attempted, directly or indirectly, any thing or thinges pryncipally or apertly to the let, hinderaunce, damage, or derogation of any of the sayde statutes, or of any parte of them, by any maner of meanes, or for or by any maner of pretence. And in case any othe hath ben made by me to any person or persons, in maintenaunce, defence, or fauour of the see and byshop of Rome, or his auctoritie, iurisdiction, or power, or agaynst any the statutes afore sayde, I repute the same as bayne and aduulgate, and shall holly and truly obserue and kepe this othe, so helpe me god, all sainctes, and the holy euangelistes.

¶ AND it is also enacted by auctoritie afore sayde, that all and euery person and persons, spirytual and temporall, suing lviery restitution or cure le mayne, out of the kynges his heyres or successours handes, or doing any fealtie to his highnes his heyres or successours, or which shalbe sworn to the kyng, his heyres or successours, or that shall haue any offyre, fee, or rowme of the most gracious gifte of the kynges maiestie, his heyres or successours, or shalbe receyued in seruice with his grace, his heyres or successours, shall make take or receaue the sayde othe. And that also all and euery other ecclesiasticall person, at the time of hys taking of orders, And al and euery other person, whiche shalbe promoted or preferred to anye degree of lernyng, in any vniuersitye within this his realme, or other the kynges dominions, at the time of is or theyr promotion or preferment, or euery of them, shall make, take, and receyue the sayde othe, by this acte set forth and declared, as is afore sayde, before his or theyr ordinary, or the commissary of suche vniuersitie. And that all and singulier other the kynges maiesties subiectes and resiantes within this his graces realme, and others his maiesties dominions, at hys highnesses will and pleasure shall accepte and take the same othe, before suche commissioner or commissioners, as his highnes shal appoint for the same.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritie afore sayde, that if any persone or persons, limited or commaunded by thaurtoritie of this acte, to make and take the sayd othe, or commaunded by any other person or persons, auctored by the kynges highnes commissyon vnder his grete scale, to make the sayde

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saydothe, obstinately refuse that to doo: that then euerye such offence and contempte shalbe high treason, and the offendours thereof, being lawfully conuicted, shall suffer paynes of death, and other forfaitures, penalties, and losses, as is limited & accustomed in cases of high trespas, by any lawes or statutes of this realme, heretofore had or made in any wise concerning the same.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, of what estate, degree, dignity, or condition so ever they be, at any time hereafter, by wordes, wytyng, imprintinge, or by any exterior acte or dede, maliciously or wyllingly procure or doo, or cause to be procured or dooen directly or indirectly, any thing or thinges: to or for the interruption repell or adnullation of thys acte, or of any thinge there in conterned, or of any thing that shalbe done by the kynges highnes, in the lunitacion and disposition of his maiesties crowne, & other the premises, by auctoritie of the same: or to the peril flaunder or dishonour of any the issues and heyres of the kynges maiestie, being limited by thys act, to inherite & to be inheritable to the crowne of thys realme, in such forme as is aforesayde, or to the interruption or dishonour of any person or persons, to whom the imperial crowne of this realme, and other the premises, is assigned limited & appoynted by this act, or shalbe by the kynges maiesties letters patentes vnder hys hyghnes great seale, or by hys last wil in wytyng, signed wyth hys most gracious hand lymyted & disposed by the auctoritie of this act, as is aforesayd, wher by any such issues or heyres of the kynges maiestie, or suche other person or persons, might be destroyed disturbed or interrupted, in bodye or title of the inheritaunce of the crowne of thys realme, as to them is limited in thys act in forme aboue rehearsed, or as to them shall be limited and assigned by the kynges highnes, by vertue and auctoritie of thys acte: that then euerye suche person and persons, of what estate degree or condition so ever he or they be, and theyr aydours counsailours maynteynours & abettours and euery of them, for euerye suche offence afoze declared, shall be adiudged hygh traytors, and that euerye suche offence afoze specified, shall be adiudged hygh treason, & the offendours therein, theyr aydours counsailours maynteynours and abettours, and euery of them, bringe lausfully conuict of anye suche offence, after the lawes and customes of thys Reame, shall suffer paynes of death, and losses and forfaitures, as in cases of hygh treason. Saving alway to euery person and persones and bodys politike, to theyr heyres assignes and successours, and to the heyres and successours of euery of them, other than suche persones, as shall be so conuict or attayned, and theyr heyres and successours, and al other claiming to theyr vles, al suche ryght title vse interest possession condition rentes fees offices annuities and commons, which they or any of them shall haue, in or vppon anye suche manours landes tenementes rentes annuities or hereditamentes, that shal so happen to be lost and forsaite, by reason of anye conuiction or attaynder for anye the treasons and offences aboue rehearsed, at any time befoze the sayd treasons and offences committed.

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¶ An acte concerning the triall of treasons committed out of
the kynges maiesties dominions. Cap. ii



Whereas alinuche as some doubtess and questions haue bene moued, that certayne kindes of treasons mysprysons and concelementes of treasons, done perpetrated or committed out of the kynges maiesties realme of Englande, and other his graces dominions, can not, ne maye by the common lawes of this realme be inquired of, herde and determined within this his sayd realme of Englande: for a playne remedy order and declaration therein to be had and made: Be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that all maner of offences, being already made or declared, or hereafter to be made or declared, by anye the lawes and statutes of thys realme, to be treasons, mysprysons of treasons, or concelementes of treasons, and done perpetrated or committed, or hereafter to be done perpetrated or committed by any person or persons, oute of this realme of Englande, shall be from henceforth inquired of, herde and determined before the kynges Justices of his bench, for pleas to be holden before him selfe, by good and lawfull men of the same shire, where the sayde bench shall lytte and be kepte, or els before such commissioners, and in such shyre of the realme, as shalbe assigned by the kynges maiesties commission, and by good and lawfull men of the same shire, in lyke maner and fourme to al ententes and purposes, as if suche treasons, mysprysons of treasons, or concelementes of treasons, had bene done perpetrated and committed within the same shire, where they shalbe so inquired of, herde, and determined, as is aforesayd.

¶ Whereby alwayes that if any the peeres of thys realme shall happen to be indited of any such treasons, or other offences aforesayd, by auctoritie of this acte: That then, after such inditement, they shall haue theyr tryall by theyr peeres, in suche lyke maner and fourme as hath bene heretofore accustomed.

¶ An acte for the ratification of the kynges maiesties stile. Cap. iii.



Where oure moste dyadde naturall & gracions soueraigne liege lord the kyng, hath heretofore be and is iustly lawfully and notoriously knowne named published and declared to be kyng of Englade Fraunce and Ireland, defendour of the feyth, & of the churche of Englande and also of Ireland in earthe supreme head, and hath iustly and lawfully used the title & name therof, as to hys grace appertaineth: Be it enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the commones in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all and singular his graces subiectes and resiantes, of or within thys hys realme of England Ireland and els where within other his maiesties dominions, shal from henceforth accepte & take the

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the same his maiesties stile, as it is declared and seth forth in maner & fourm follo'winge, that is to say, in the latine tongue by these woordes, Henricus octauus Dei graatia Anglia, Frãcie & Hibernia rex, fidei defensor, & in terra ecclesie Anglicane & Hibernie supremum caput, and in the englyshe tongue by these woordes, HENRY the eyght, by the grace of god kyng of Englande fraunce & Ireland, defendour of the fayth, and of the churche of England & also of Ireland in earth the supreme head: And that the sayd stile declared and set forth by this acte, in maner and fourm as is aboue mentioned, shall be from henceforth by thautozitie aforesayd, vnited and annered fozeuer to the imperpall crowne of this highnes realme of Englande.

CAND be it further enacted by the auctozitie aforesayd, that if any person or persons, of what estate dignitie degree or condicion so euer he or they be, at any tyme after the feast of Ester next comynge, craftely imagine inuēt or atempte by colour of any pretence, to depprue the kynges hyghnes, the queene, the pynce, or the heires of the bodye of the kynges maiestie lawfully begotten, or the heires of the bodye of the pynce lawfully begotten, or any person or persons, to whom the imperiall crowne of this realme is limited in this present session of parliament, or at any tyme hereafter, shall be limited and disposed by the kynges highnes, by his gracious letters patentes, or by his highnes last wil in wyting, signed with his most graciouse hand of any of theyr titles stiles names degrees or royal estate or regal power, whiche as is abouesayd, is limited vnited or appointed to the imperiall crowne of this his realme, or that hereafter by auctozitie of parliament shall be set forth limited vnited or apoynted to the sayde imperiall crowne: that then euery such offēce and cōtempt shalbe demed and adiudged high treason, and the offendour and offendours therin, and theyr aydours counsellours mayntēours and abettours, and euery of them, beyng thereof lawfully convicted, shalbe demed and adiudged hygh traytours, & shal suffer paynes of death and other forfaitures penalties and losses, as is accustomed and limited by any lawe or statute in this realme hertofore had or made, for or in cases of high treason Sauing to euery such person and persons, and bodies politike, to theyr heires assignes and successours, and to the heires assignes and successours of euery of them (other then suche persons as shalbe convicted or atēpted, and theyr heires and successours, and all other claiming to theyr vse) all suche right title interest vse possession condicion rentes fees offices annuities and commons, whiche they or any of them shall haue in or vpon any manours landes tenementes rentes fees offices annuities or hereditamentes, that shall so happen to be loste and forfeite by reson of any conuiction or attainder, for any of the treasons or offences aboue rehearsed, at any tyme before the sayd treasons or offences committed.

An acte

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An acte touching the repairing and amending of certayne decayed houses and tenementes, as well in Englande as in wales. Cap. iiii.



ORASMVCHE as in times past diuers & many beautiful houses of habitation haue bene within the walles & liberties of the towne of Shirewelsbury in the countie of Saloppe. the citie of Chester in the countie of Chester. the towne of Ludlowe in the countie of Saloppe, Hauerford west in the countie of Hauerford in Southwales, the towne of Pembroke tenbie in the countie of Pembroke, the towne of Karmerdyn in the countie of Karmerdyn, the towne of Mountgomery in the countie of Mountgomery. Cardiffe, Swanesse, Cowbryge, Newe Radnor & Prested in the countie of Radnor, the towne of Breknok in the countie of Breknok, and the towne of Monmouth in the countie of Monmouth, the towne of Maldon in the countie of Essex, the townes of Abargaueny, Ulke, Carlyon, and Newporte in the countie of Monmouth, the townes of Lancaster, Preston Lyepole, and Wigan, in the county Palatine of Lancaster, whiche nowe are falle downe, decayed, and at this time remayne vnreedyfied, lyinge as desolate and voyde groundes, and many of them adioynning nigh vnto the high stretes replenished with muche ordure filth and vncleanes, with pittes sellars and vaultes lyinge open & vncouered, to the greate perell and daunger of all the inhabitantes and other the kynges subiectes passing by the same, and some houses be very weake and feeble reddy to fall downe. and be very daungerous to passe by, to the decay and hinderace of the said citie boroughes and townes. It maye therfore be enacted by the kyng our soueraine lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons or bodie polytike, bringe owners or possessioners of any suche desolate or voyde groundes, that at any time within five and fortie yeres next before the making of this acte, haue bene buylded for houses of habytation, or for any house or houses of habytation nowe or hereafter beinge in decaye and not fully fallen downe, within the liberties and precinctes of any of the sayde boroughes townes and places, doo not sufficiently reedyfie builde & repaire, or cause to be reedyfied builded and repaired the sayde desolate voyde groundes and decayed houses, conuenient for habytation and dwelling, within two yeres next after proclamation to be made in or vpon the same voyde groundes or groundes, decayed house or houses, by the maiors, aldermen bailiffes and burgesles or other head officers, within the precincte of theyr owne auctorities: that than it shall be lawfull for the chiefe lord or lordes immediate, of whom suche desolate and voyde groundes, decayed and ruinous houses be holden, after the sayde two yeres be expired, to enter into the same, and to haue the same groundes or houses wyth the curtilage, backesyde, gardyn, and orcharde adioynning to the same, yf they be of the inheritance of the owner or owners of the sayd decayed house or groundes, and excede not one acre of groundes, to them and to theyr heires or suc-

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or successours or to their owne proper vse for ever : so that the sayd Lorde or lordes immediate, entringe by the auctoritie of this act, do sufficiently reedify, builde or repaie the same boide grounde or decayde houses, within two yeres and an half next and immediately folowynge the determination of the foresaide first two yeres. And in case such lorde or lordes, as maye entre by this acte, do not entre and wel and sufficiently reedifye build or repaie the same boide groundes or decayed houses within the said two yeres and an halfe, to them limytted by this acte, or if suche lorde or lordes immediate as maye entre by this acte, do sufficiently reedifye builde and repaie the same boide groundes or decayed houses within the sayd two yeres and an halfe to them limytted, and after they theyr heyres or successours suffer the same houses or boide groundes to fall in ruine and decaye, and do not builde or reedifye the same sufficiently within two yeres and an halfe of such ruine or decaye: that then is shalbe lefull to all person or persons or bodie polittike, as shal then haue any rent charge ioyntly or severally going out of the sayde boide ground or groundes, or decayed house or houses, in anye of the sayde citie borowghes or townes or places, immediatly after the sayd two yeres and an halfe expyred, to enter into the same, and to haue to suche of them, theyr heyres and successours, to their owne proper vse, as shal so builde the sayde boide groundes or decayed houses by auctoritie of this acte, the same boide groundes or houses, with the curtilage backeside gardayne and Orcharde adioyning to the same, if they be of the inheritance of the owner or owners of the sayd decayed house or ground, and excede not the quantity of one acre of ground, discharged of al rentes goinge out of the same groundes or houses, as well against the sayde lorde and lordes immediate, as all other person or persons or bodie polittike, hauinge any rent or rentes charges, rent secke oute of the same, other than the fee ferme of the sayde Citie borowgh or town or place, or some parcell thereof, so that the saide person or persons or bodie polittike, hauinge the sayd rent charge, entring by the auctoritie of this acte, do sufficiently reedifye builde and repaie the same desolate and boide grounde or groundes, or decayde house or houses, wythin one yere and thye quarters nexte and immediatly followynge the determination of the sayde two yeres and a halfe, to the sayde lord or lordes immediate appointed by this acte. And in case such personne or persons or bodie polittike, hauinge anye of the said rentes charges, as maye enter by this acte, do not enter, and wel and sufficiently reedifye build or repaie the same boide groundes or decayed houses, wythin one yere and thye quarters to them appointed by vertue of this act, or if they or any of them, hauinge such rent charge, and that may enter by this acte, do sufficientlye builde and repaie the same boide grounde or groundes, or decayed house or houses, within the sayd one yere and thye quarters to them limitted, and after they theyr heyres or successours suffer the same boide ground or groundes, house or houses, to fall in ruine and decaye, and do not builde or reedifye the same sufficiently wythin one yere and thye quarter after such ruine or decaye: that then it shalbe le-

full to the mayres, aldermen, and burgesles, and other the head officers of the saide citee boroughes to wnes & places, by what name or names so euer they be incorporated, and their successours, and euery of them, within the lymittes of their auctorities, immediatli after the said yere and thre quarters expired, into euery suche desolate and voyde groundes, decaye or ruinous houses, to enter, and to haue holde and enioy to them and thei successours for euer, to their owne vles, the same groundes or houses and euery of them, with the curtilages gardeins orchardes and backesydes to the same, if they be of the inheritance of the owner or owners of the sayde decayed house or grounde, and excede not in quantitie one acre of grounde, clerely discharged of all rentes going out of the same groundes or houses, as wel against the sayde lord or lordes immediate, as al other person or persones or bodiees politike, haupng such rent charge or rent secke as befoze is said, other than the fee ferme of the said citie borough towne or place. or parcel therof, so that the same mayres aldermen and burgesles, or other head officer, as is afoze sayde, or thei successours, for the tyme being, do reedify build or repaire, or cause to bee reedified or repayed the same grounde or groundes, house or houses, within thre yeres next and immediatly folowing the determination of the sayde yere & thre quarters limited or appointed to sutch person or persons, or bodiees politike, that haue or shal haue any rent as is afozesaid. And in case the said mapres aldermē and burgesles or other hed officers as is afozesaid, or their successours, do not enter & reedify build and repaire the same voyde grounde or groundes, decayed house or houses, in forme afozesaid, within the sayde terme of. iii. yeres after thei sayde entry, or if they sufficiently reedify build and repaire the same voyde ground or groundes, or decayed house or houses, within the saide thre yeres to them limited by this act, and after they or thei successours suffer the same house or houses, voyde grounde or groundes to fall in ruine and decaye, and doo not build and reedify the same, sufficiently within thre yeres after suche ruine or decay: that then it shal bee lefull to the first owner or owners, possessor or possessor of suche grounde, or groundes, decayed house or houses, thei heires or successours, immediatly after the said thre yeres to the said mayres aldermen and burgesles, and other hed officers, as is afoze lymitted, expired, in to the same houses grounde or groundes, curtilages gardeynes orchardes and backesydes to entre, and the same to retaine to them, their heires and successours, as in thei fyist estate, any thyng contained in this present acte to the contray not withstanding.

¶ Provided alway, that this acte or anye thyng therein contepned bee not in any wyse hurtfull, or preiudiciall to any person or persons, beinge at the tyme of the sayde proclamation made, vnder the age of. xxi. yeres, or beinge feme covert, or in prison, or beyonde the sea, in the kinges warres, or in other lefull affayres, or to anye person or persons not beinge than of whole and perfect memoxy: during the time that sutch person or persons shal be within age, married, in prison, or of no perfectte memoxye, or beyond the sea,

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so that the same person or persons, theyr heyres or successours, after that he or they come to theyr full age of .xxi. yeares, or be vnmarried, out of the person, or come again within this royalme, or be of whole and perfect memory, within thre yerres than next insuing, do reedify the same desolate or void groundes, or repaire the sayde deteined houses.

¶ An acte concerning the qualification of the statute of the
syfte articles. Cap. v.



Where by the good and godlye acte and statute, concernynge the VI. articles, made in the parliamēt holdē at westminster the XXVIII. day of Apryl, in the XXXI. yere of the kinges maiesties most noble raygne, it was ordayned and established amonges other thinges, that for certayne byndes of heresies & other offences, expessed in the same statute, the offenders therein being of them couicted, shulde suffer peines of deathe, or other suche peines as for euerie of the offences in the same statute expessed, is in the same specially and seuerally mencioned: And where also by force of the same statute diuers secret and vnttrue accusaciōs and presentmētes may be maliciously conspired against the kinges subiectes, and kept secret vnrueled, that such as be accused shuld not haue knowledg therof to come to theyr declaratiō, vntil a tyme may be espyed to haue them therof by malice couicted, to the greate peril and dāgier of the kinges maiesties subiectes, if the same statute shulde not in some part therof be tēpered qualified or resourmed. And to the intent that all presentmētes and inditemētes of suche offences as be contained in the sayd statute, concerning the sayd VI. articles, wher vnto any person shalbe put to answer, shulde be taken in opē and manifest courtes by the othes of XII. indiferent persones, according to good equity and conspence, and as other presentmentes haue ben vsed to be taken wpythin this realme in such weightie causes, according to the laudable custome and vsage of the same. And that also the inquiries and trials of and vpon the sayde presentmentes and inditementes may iustly and charitably procede without corruption or malpce accordingly. Be it therfore enacted by authority of this present parliament, that no person or persons from henceforth shalbe arraigned or put to hys or theyr tryall, of for or vpon any accusation information or presentment concerning any of the offences comprised wpythin the sayde former acte, but onely vpon such presentmentes and inditementes as be or shalbe founde and made by the othes of XII. men or mo., afore suche commissioners as be or shalbe specially aucthorised to enquire of the offences conteyned in the sayd former statute by the kinges maiesties commission, or thre of them at the leaste syttyng in theyr sessiones, or before the Iustices of the peace syttyng in theyr sessiones, or thre of them at the least, or before the Iustices of ope and terminer, or thre of them at the least: And that the presentmentes or inditementes hereafter to be made, be taken wpythin one yere next after the sayde offences therein contained, be or

shall be comynpted or doone: And that all accusatiōns concerninge anye of the offences aforesayde, made or to be made in anye other fourme then as is afoze mencyned in this presente acte, shall be voyde in the lawe to anye other respecte or purpose, but onelye as an euidence to be reouen and Declared to the inquestes of inquerie and delpyerie befoze the sayde Justices, as is aforesayde. And that no person accused of or vpon anye of the offences specified in the said former acte, shalbe attached arrested or committed to warde for the same, or anye of them, befoze he be therof indited, as is afoze sayd, onlesse it be by vertue and auctorytie of one sufficient and laifull warrant or precept from one of the kynges maiesties honourable counsaile, or from two of the iustices or commissioners aforesayde, wherof one of them to be a lay person, anye thyng conteyned in the sayde former statute not wythstandinge.

¶ AND be it also enacted by auctorytie of this present parliament that no person or persons shal be from henceforth accused indited comitted to prisō molested or put to answer, to for or vpon any accusation presentment or inditement hereafter to be made or found by vertue of the said former statute, concerninge the sayde V I. articles, onlesse he or they be therof accused or indited within one yeaer next after his or theyr sayd offence or offences supposed to be committed or done, any thyng in the sayd former acte or in this acte to the contrary not wythstandinge.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctorytie aforesayd, that if any person or persones shal at any time hereafter heare any preacher or reader, beinge auctorysed to preache or reade, speke or declare any worde or wordes supposed to be contrary to any of the sayde articles conteyned in the said former statute, in his or their sermon or reading at any place and time accustomed for preachyng or reading, and do not therof accuse the sayde preacher or reader befoze one of the sayde Justices wythin forty dayes next after hys sayde wordes so spoken, or els that the said preacher or reader be therof indited within the sayd time of forty daies, after his or their said preaching or reading: then the sayde preachers or readers and euerye of them shal be of euerye suche accusation and offence clerly acquitted and discharged. Except the same accuser or accusers, do shewe aledge and proue by two sufficient wytnes befoze the sayde iustices or two of them, sufficient cause why he or they dyd not make the sayde accusatiōs within the sayd time of forty daies, as is afoze limited.

¶ Provided also that this acte or anye thyng therein conteyned shall not extende to any inditement or presentment heretofore made by the othes of XII. men or mo, of anye of the sayde offences conteyned or expressed in the sayde former acte, concerninge the sayde V I. articles, but that the same indimentes or presentmentes, so made, shall stande and abide in theyr full strenght and effectte, as if this acte had neuer be had or made, any thyng in this acte to the contrary not wythstandinge.

¶ And to the intente that as well the inquiries of the presentmentes and indite-

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inditementes aforesayde, as the trials of and vpon the same, shall proceede iustly and indifferently. Be it therefore enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayde iustices, befoze whom the sayde inquiries presentmentes or inditementes shall be taken, shall frome hencefozt he haue power and auctoritie to alter and reforme all panels of inquire, returned befoze them by the Shirisfe or other officers appoynted for the same, in lyke maner as Iustices of the peace maye do in theyr sessions bypon anye other inquiries. And that also the partye accused, presented, or indyted, as is afoze sayde, bypon his arraignment or tryall thereof, shall and maye haue all maner of chalenges, (paremptorychallenge onely excepte) as other persons arraigned for felony shall or may haue by the lawes of this realme, any clause or article in the sayd former acte to the contrary notwithstanding. And that the parties being condemned of any the offences conteyned or mentioned in the sayde former acte of syre articles, shall suffer all such imprisonmentes losses and peynes of death, as they shoulde or ought to haue done befoze the makinge of this present acte.

¶ And be it also further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayd former acte concerning the sayde syre articles, and euery other acte touchynge the same, and all articles clauses and sentences in them or any of them mentioned expessed or conteyned, now being in his or theyr force and effecte, other then such as by this present acte be altered qualified or reformed, shall stande and abide in all his or theyr full strength effect and vertue, any thing in this present acte not withstanding.

¶ Prouyded furthermore and be it enacted by the auctoritie afoze sayde, that if any person or persons, beyng arraigned or put to his or theyr trial, vpon any the offences conteyned in the sayd former acte concerning the syre articles, stand muet, or wilnot directly answere to the same offences, wherof he or they be indited as is aforesayde: that then euery such person and persons, so standing muet, or refusing directly to answere to the same inditement, for his or theyr contumacie shall haue iudgement to suffer lyke peynes of death losses forfeitures and imprisonment, as if the same person or persons so indited, had ben therof founde guilty by verdit of iiii. men, any thyng in the sayde former acte, or in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ An acte concerning the apparance of Jurours in the Nisi prius. Cap. vi.



ORASMOCHE as the issues ioyned in euery actio iuste and demaunde betwene party and party at the comon lawe, are by the lawes of this realme, for the moste part tried and triable by the verдите of iiii. men wherem is daily sene greate delay, partly for lacke of apparaunte of the persones returned to trye iuste issues. The occasion wherof cometh by reason of mayntenance, imbracery, smiler labour and corrupt demeanours, and partly by reason of the chalenges of the parties, to the iurpe or iutours so returned, to the greate co-

nes charges and hinderance of the parties to the sayde actions suites and
 demaundes, and to the greate delaye and hinderance of Justice. For refor-
 mation wherof, and for the more expedition of iustice hereafter to be had in
 such maner triall of issues: Be it enacted by the auctoritie of this presente
 parliament, that in euery case, where suche persons, as shulde passe vppon
 the tryall of any issue ioyned in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, com-
 monly holde at westmynst. ought by the lawe to dispende xl.s by the pere, of
 freehold for terme of lyfe: that the wyttes of Venire fac. which from and
 after the fyfth day of Apryll nexte commynge, shall be awarded and directed
 for the impanneling of such persons as shall trye the same issue, shall be in
 this fourme, Rex, &c. Pracipimus &c. quod venire fac, coram, &c. xii. liberos & legales
 homines de iur. de B. quorum quilibet habeat quadraginta solidaru terre tenement,
 vell reddit, per annum ad minus, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit: Et qui nec &c.
 And so forth the residue of the sayd wytte after the auncient forme. And in
 euery case, wher it is not requisite, that the persons that shal passe vpon the
 triall of any issue ioyned in any of the kynges courtes aforesayd, shall dis-
 pendre xl. s. by the pere of freeholde: that then the wyttes of Venire facias,
 that shalbe awarded after the sayd fyfth day of Apryll, shall be made after
 the forme aforesayd: omitting this clause, Quorum quilibet habeat quadragin-
 ta solidarum terre ten, vel reddit per annum ad minus. And that vppon euery su-
 che wytt & wyttes of venire fac. that shall haue the sayd clause, Quorum qui-
 libet, &c. the shyriffe or other minister or ministers, to whom the making of
 the panel shal appertain, shal not retourne in any such panel any person, on-
 les he may dispende xl.s. by pere at the least, of estate of freeholde out of aunc-
 ien demene within the county, where the issue is to be tried. And also shall
 retourne in euery suche panell vpon the same Venire facias, for sufficient hun-
 dredours at the least, yf there be so many hundredours within the sayd hun-
 dred where the Wiene we lyeth, vpon peyne to forfait for euery person, beinge
 returned in any suche panell, that can not dispende xl.s. by the pere, as is afo-
 resayd xl.s. And for euery hundredour, that shalbe ompted in suche retour-
 ne of the number aforesayd xl.s. And in euery wytte of Venire facias, wherein
 the sayd clause, Quorum quilibet, &c. shalbe omitted, the shiriffe or other mini-
 ster or ministers, to whome the makinge of the panelle shal appertain, shall
 not retourne in any suche panell any person, onlesse he may dispend some lan-
 des or tenementes of estate of freeholde out of auncient demene, within the
 county where the issue is to be tried. And also shall retourne in euery suche
 panell vppon te same Venire facias, for sufficient hundredours at the least, if
 there be so many hundredours within the sayd hundred where the Wiene we
 lyeth, vpon lyke peyne as is aforesayd.

And furthermore be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that vpon eue-
 ry fyfth wytte of Habeas corpora or Distingas with a Nisi prius, deliuered
 of recorde to the shiriffe or other minister or ministers, to whom the making
 of the returne shal appertaine, the sayd shiriffe and other minister and mi-
 nisters shall from and after the sayd fyfth day of Apryll, retourne in issues vpon
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pon every person, impanelled and returned, upon any such writte, at the least v. s. And at the second writ of Habeas corpora or Distringas, with a Nisi prius, upon every person impanelled and returned, upon any such writ r. s. at the least. And at the third writte of Habeas corpora or Distringas, with a Nisi prius that shalbe further awarded upon every person impanelled and returned upon any such writ viii. s. iii. d. And upon every writ that shalbe further awarded to trye any such issue, to double the issues last afore specified, vntyll a full iury be sworn, or the proces otherwise cessed or determined, upon paine to forfeyte for euery retourne to be made contrary to the fourme afore sayd v. poundes.

¶ And for a more speedy trial of issues to be tried by the verdict of xii. men hereafter to be had. Be it further enacted by the auctoritie afore sayd, that in every such writ of Habeas corpora or Distringas, with a Nisi prius, where a full iury shall not appere before the iustices of assises or Nisi prius, or els after apparance of a full iury, by challenge of any of the parties, the iury is lyke to remayn vntaken for default of iurours: that than the same iustices upon request made by the party plaintife or Demandant, shall haue auctoritie by vertue of this act to commaunde the shiriffe or other minister or ministers, to whom the making of the sayde retourne shal appertayn, to name and appoynte as often as nede shall require so many of such other able persons of the sayd county then present at the sayd assises or Nisi prius, as shal make by a full iury, whiche persons so to be named and impanelled by such shiriffe or other minister or ministers, shalbe added to the former panell, and theyr names annexed to the same. And that euery of the parties shall and may haue bys or theyr chalenge to the iurours so named, added and annexed to the sayd former panell by the sayd shiriffe or other minister or ministers, in such wyse as if they had bene impanelled upon the Venire facias, awarded to trye the sayd issue. And that the sayd iustices shall and may procede to the tryall of euery such issue with those persones that were before impanelled and returned, and with those newly added and annexed to the sayde former panell by vertue of this acte, in such wyse as they might or oughte to haue done, if all the sayd iurours had ben returned upon the writ of Venire facias, awarded to trye the sayd issue. And that all and euery such trial had after the sayd first day of Appyl, shall be as good and effectuell in the law, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if such trial had ben hadde and tried by xii. of the iurours, impanelled and returned upon the writ of Venire facias, awarded to trye such issue. And in case such persons as the sayde shiriffe minister or ministers shal name and appoynt, as is afore sayd, or any of them, after they shalbe called, be present and do not appere, or after his or theyr apparance, done wilfully withdraue him or them selues from the presence of the court: that then such iustices shal and may set such fine upon euery such iurour, making default, or wilfully withdrauing himself as is afore sayd, as they shal thinke good by theyr discretion, the sayd fine to be leuid in such maner and fourme as illues forfeited and lost by iurours for default of theyr

theyr apparance at the common lawe, haue ben accustomed to be leuied.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that where any iury, that shalbe returned by the shiriffe or other minister or ministres, shal be made full by the commaundement of the sayde iustices by vertu of this present act, that yet neuertheless such persons as were returned in the sayd panell by the shiriffe or other minister or ministers to trye any such issue that shall not appere, but make defaulte, shall lose the issues vpon them returned, in suche wyse as though the same iury had remayned for default of iurours.

¶ Prouided al wyse and be it enacted, that vppon a reasonable excuse for the defaulte of apparaunce of any iurour or iurours sufficiently proued before the iustices of assise or *Assis prius*, at the day of theyr apparance by the othes of two lawfull and honest witnessses, that the same iustices shal haue auctoritie by theyr discretions to discharge euery such iurour of euery such forsaiture of issues vpon hym returned. And that the shiriffe and shiriffes or other minister or ministers, hauing commaundement by the sayde iustices to ompt the returninge of suche issues as is aforesayde, vpon suche iurour or iurours, shalbe therein discharged of the penalties aforesayde, for the non returninge of the saide issues, and that yet notwithstandyng the sayde returne to be good and effectual in the lawe, anye lawe vlage or custome to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ Prouided also & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if the sayde iustices, afoze whom any such iurye shuld apere in the county, where such issue is to be tried by vertu of a writ of *Assis prius*, do not come at the day & place apoynted, but that the assise or *Assis prius* for that tyme shalbe discontinued for not comyng of the sayde iustices, or for any other occasion, other then by defaulte & lacke of iurours: that then euery one of the same iurours shalbe discharged for forsaitting of any issues vpon hym returned in the same writ. And the shiriffe or other minister or ministers shalbe likewise discharged of the penalties of this estatute for the non returninge of suche issues, as at before limited in this act, any article or sentence herein contained to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ AND be it also farther enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if vpo any suche writ of Habeas corpora or *Distingas*, with a *Assis prius*, issues be returned vpon any hundredours iurour or iurours by the shiriffe or other minister or ministres, to whom the execution of the same writ or writes shal appertayne, wher as the same hundredours and iurours shal not be lawfully summoned warned or distrained in that behalfe: that then euery such shiriffe or other minister or ministres aforesayde, shall lose for euery such offense so committed, double so muche as the sayde issues returned vpo suche hundredours or iurours not lawfully summoned warned or distrained, shal amount vnto: the moitie of al which forsaitures conteyned in this present act, other then the issues to be returned vpon the iurours as is aforesayde, shall be to the kyng our souerayne lord, and the other halfe to him that wille sue
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for the same by action of det byll plaint or information in any of the kinges competent courtes, in which no wager of lawe effoine or protection shalbe allowed ne admitted. Sauing to all maner of persons and bodies politike and corporate, theyr heyres and successours, hauing lawfull right title and interest to haue suche issues, to be before any suche iustices of assise or Justiciarius, at any time or times hereafter lost and forsayted, all such right title & interest, as they or any of them shuld or might haue had to such issues to be lost and forsayted, as though this acte had neuer bene had or made.

C Provyded also that thys acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to any citie or towne corporate, or to any shiriffe minister or ministers in the same, for the returne of any inquest or panell to be made and returned of persons inhabiting in the sayd citie or towne corporate, but that they, and euery of them, shall and may returne suche persons in euerye suche inquest or panell, as before this tyme they myghte and haue bene accustomed to do, and as this acte had neuer bene had or made: so that the same shiriffe minister or ministers returne vpon suche persons as shall be impanelled, like issues as are before mencioned in this act, anything in the same conteyned to the contrary not withstanding. This act to endure to the ende of the nexte parliament.

C An acte for the repealyng of a certayne statute concerning the bypnyng in of saltfyshe and stockfyshe. Capi. vii.



Where in the parlyamente begonne and holden at London, the. iij. day of Nouember, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our most dread soueraigne lord the kinges maiestie that now is, and from thense adiourned to Westminster, and there holde and continued by diuers prorogations, vnto the dissolution therof amonges other it was enacted by the auctoritie of the same that no maner of person or persons, of what estate degree or conditiō he or they shulde be, other then such person or persons as then were or hereafter shalbe marchant venturers to Iselande, for the taking of fyll, or that be doggers otherwise called doggermen, or suche as now or hereafter shall be fisher men, that actually labour for the takyng of the same fish in the east sea syde or in the east sea coste, shuld bye any of the kyndes of the sayd fyll at or vpon the stone, or at the sayd east sea syde or east sea costes, to sell the same fyll again or any part therof at any of the faire or faires called Sturbridge fayre, saint Iues fayre, or Ely fayre. And that no maner of person or peesons, other then the sayd marchaunt venturers doggers or fyller men, shulde from henseforth sell any saltfyll, stockfyll, lyng, haberden, lobfyll, or suche other kynde of saltfyshe, at or within any of the sayde fayre or fayres, wherof the kinde of the sayd fyll is vsually wonte to be layd vpon lande at the sayd east sea syde. And also that no maner of person or persons, being owner or owners of any of the sayde shyp or shyppes; nor yet any mayster or maisters of the sayd shyppes, shulde at any time after the same, bye any
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Dole oz Doles of any of the mariners of any of the saide shyp or shippes, called the mariners Dole fish. And where it was also enacted ordeined and provided by the same acte, that no maner of person oz persons, shoulde from thensforth be reputed and taken to be a marchant venturer, to take aduantage oz benefit of the same acte, excepte his aduenture in the sayde shyp or shippes to Iselande, shuld admount to the summe of. xx. li. without fraude oz couine, as by the same acte moze plainely it doth appere. Sens the making of which acte the trade and aduenture to Iseland hath moche decayed, not onely by cause that aduenture is so dangerous and chargeable to the marchant venturers, Doggers called dogger men, and fisher men, beyng nowe compelled to make this aduenture at theyr onely charges, where before the making of the sayd acte a great number of persons of those parties and other places of this realme, did aduenture their marchandise and wares with them. some to the value of. x. li. some. v. li. some moze oz lesse, as theyre habilitie did serue them, as they yet wold do, if the said acte were not to the contrary: But also for that the sayde marchantes doggers and fyshermen at their comyng home, after their longe trauaile and charges, can haue no porte sale nor redy vtterance of theyr fish. And wher in times past aswel diuers marchantes of London and Couentre, as of other places within this realme, did repaire & come to the said venturers immediatly after theyr comyng home, and for redy money bought theyr fish at the said coste syde, and caried the same fish to Ely sayre, Sturbridge sayre, saint Iues sayre, and other sayres and markettes for the vniuersall prouision of this royaume: Nowe the sayde venturers doggers and fyshermen be dyuen to trauaile and seke to the same markettes and sayres, for the selling of theyr fish, and in the mene tyme to make shyftes for the paying the wages and charges of theyr mariners and seruauntes, and abyde a greate tyme before they can haue any returne, to theyr aduantage of theyr aduēture, to theyr great werrines: and lyke hereafter to be the vtter decaye of the Iselande flete, if remedy therfore be not the soner provided.

¶ Be it therfore enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the sayde acte be repeled, and all and euery thinge therein conteyned shall from henceforth be frustrate voyde and of none effecte, any thyng therein conteyned, oz any other acte oz actes heretofore made to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

¶ An acte concerninge Coupers.

Capi. viiij.



A moste humble wyle shewen vnto your excellent hyghnes, your faithful subiectes the coupers of your cite of London, that wheare in the parlyament holden at London, the thyrde dape of nouembre, in the. xxi. yeare of youre mooste gracious raygne, and from thense adiourned to westmūst, and there by diuerse prorogatiōs cōtinued, vntyl the. xij. dape of

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of January, in the. XXIII. yere of your said noble raigne: it was in the said XXIII. yere emonges other thinges stablished and enacted, that every artyficer of the craft or mistery of coupers, that wil exercise or practyse to make any vessels for bere or ale to be put to sale, should make the same vessels and every of them, of god and seasonable woode: and that no such artifcyer of coupers shal enhaunce the prices of barrells kylderkyns or firkins or other vessels in the sale of them, to any ale byuer or bere byuer or other person, but kepe the rate and prices, that is to say, for every bere barrell. ix. d. for every bere kilderkin. v. d. and for every bere firkin. iiii. d. the ale barrell. xvi. d. the ale kilderkin. ix. d. and the ale firkin. v. d. vpon paine to forfaitte for every barrell kylderkyn and fyrkyn, defectyue in the measure limytted in the sayde acte, or enhaunced in the price in any pointe contrary to the said acte, iiii. s. iiii. d. as by the same acte more plainly appereth. Syns whych time the price of the woodde or timbre, whereof such vesselles ben made, is maruelously enhaunced, so that they are enforced to pay muche more therfore, then they were afore this time, and are likely to pay more, rather then lesse, if remedy therfore be not prouided: to the greate impouerishyng and bitter vndoing of the saide coupers.

CIn consyderation whereof be it enacted by the kynge oure soueraygne lord, the lordes spyrituall and temperall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that every artifcyer of the crafte or mistery of coupers, after the fest of the natiuite of saynte John baptiste nexte comyng, may lawfully take for every bere barrell, by him or by them to be solde. x. d. and for every bere kilderkin. vi. d. and not above, vpon peine to forfeyte for euery bere barrell enhaunced in price contrary to this acte. vi. s. viii. d. and for every bere kilderkyn lykwis enhaunced. iiii. s. iiii. d.

CItem that, every bere byuer or other person, that shal after the feast a bouesayd, ship or carre any bere into the parties of beyond the sea, other then within the kinges dominions, to the intent to sell the same bere so shipped and caried, shal fynde sufficient surety before the customers of the porte, where such bere shalbe shipped, to byng in from the parties of beyonde the sea aforesaide, as much clapporde or other boorde mete for beare barrellies or kilderkyns, as shall and may be mete to make as muche and lyke quantitie of vessel as he shall so carre out with bere.

CAnd be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that no man, be inge of the crafte or mistery of coupers, nor none other person inhabitynge within the citee of London, or the suburbs of the same citee, or within. ii. miles compasse therof, shall cut minishe or translate, or cause to be cut mynished or translated, to the hynderaunce of the byuers, any barrellies kylderkyns or fyrkyns, vpon payne to lose for euery barrell so cut mynished or translated. vi. s. viii. d. and euery kilderkin so cut translated or mynished, iiii. s. iiii. d. and for euery firkin. ix. d. except such persons as byeto for therz owne prouision, and not to sale, and such persons as shall cut diminish or trans-

translate the same vessels for his owne vse, and put it to any other vse then here or ale.

¶ And also be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that at al times whensoever any of the bere buyers shall require of the sayde wardens of the coupers for the tyme being, any vessel, vpon reasonable warninge giuen to them by any of the bere buyers, that then the saide wardeines shall prepare & deliuer from time to time, vppon euery such request, to the sayd bere buyers, as many barrells and kyldekynes, as they neede and requyre to haue for the seruinge of the kynges louinge subiectes, vppon payne to forfeite for euery tyme omittinge or neglectinge the same. xl. s. the one halfe of whiche penalties aforesayd, to be to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe to hym that will sue for the same by byll, plainte, action, or information, in anye of the kinges courtes, in the which action, and sute the defendante shall not wage his lawe, or any essoyne or p̄tection to be admitted.

¶ Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, that it shalbe lesull to and for the artificers of the crafte and misterye of coupers and euerye of them, to sell all suche barrells and vesselles as they shall make for bere to be carped into flaunder, at and for such price and pyces, as they can get for the same, anye thinge in this acte, or the estatute made in the xxiii. yeare of your most noble reigne, to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted, that as wel the former estatute, made in the xxiii. yeare aforesaide, as also suche recognisauices as the sayde coupers stande bounden in, for perfourmance of the same, shall stande and abyde of of lyke force and effect in al thinges, not mencponed and prouided for in this estatute, as though this statute had neuer ben made.

¶ Prouided also and be it further enacted by the said auctorite, that no maner person or persones, at anye time after the saide feast of the natiuite of saint Iohn Baptiste, shal carie transport or conuey any maner of bere out of this realme, into any parties oute of the kinges dominions, to be solde or exchaunged for any other marchandise, in anye greater larger or bigger vessel then onelye a barrell, vppon peyne to loose and forfeite for euerye suche vessel, beinge in quantite aboue a barrell. vi. s. viii. d. the one moite of the sayde forfeiture to be to the king our soueraigne lord, and the other moite to him or them that will sue for the same, to be recouered in maner and forme aboue expressed and declared, excepte such bere as shalbe conueyed ouer the sea to serue the king in his warres.

¶ Prouided furthermore, that this acte or any thinge therein containd or expressed, shall not extende or betaken to be hurtefull or preiudiciall to anye person or persones, for or concerninge the cariage conueyance or puttinge to sale of anye vessel or vesselles, beinge moze larger or bigger in quantite or content, then a barrell, or of any bere in the parties of Iseland, and Shotlande, thither onely repayngge for fish, so that the saide vesselles and bere be not vttered, bented, exchaunged or put to sale in anye other place or country, then onelye in Iseland or Shotlande, anye thinge containd in this acte to the

the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding. This acte to endure to the end of the next parliament.

¶ An acte concerning the partition of Wapping marthe. Cap. ix.



Where in consideration of the great costes and charges, that one Cornelis Vanderdelf, late of the towne of in Brabant, did expende and susteyne in & about the recovering, inclosing, and innning of the marthe, called saint Cathertins marthe, other wyse called Wapping marthe, in the countie of Midd. which marthe being long time surrounded & ouerflowen wth water, was recovered & inned by h^e said Cornelis: the kings maiestie, of his bounteful clemency & goodnes, and also all and euerye the owners, inheritors, & possessorers of the same marthe, were contented and agreed, that the same Cornelis, in recompence and satisfaction of his sayde costes and charges, and for his diligitent and manifolde paynes in and about the same susteyned, should haue holde and enioye to hym hys heyres, and assignes, the moytie or halfe deale of the same marthe, by metes and boundes to be deuyled: the whiche Cornelis afterwards, afore any dysuysion therof made, bargayned and solde all that hys part moytie and portion of the same marthe, for certayne summes of money by one Richard Hil of London mercer to hym payde, to the same Richard and to his heyres. After the whiche bargayne and sale had and made, the moytie or halfe deale of the sayde marthe, was by acte of parliament, in the xxvii. yere of the raygne of oure sayde soueraygne lord, made sure to the same Richard Hil and his heires. And further by the same enacted, that the right honorable lord, the Duke of Norff. now liuing, the late lord Wyndsoze, the abbottes of Waltham and Stratford now deceased, and sir John Dantlesp yet liuing, befoze the feast of al saintes next ensuing, should make partition, separation, & diuision of the same marthe, as by the same acte more playnely it may appeare. But for as muche as the sayd Duke & the other persons aboue named, wer otherwyse letted & busied in matters of more weight and greater importance, there was no diuision nor limitation of the sayde marthe made: not only to the great hynderance and domages of the forsayd Richard Hylle, and of all and euery other persons, beyng owners, inheritors, tenants, and fermers of the same, but also to the no little perille and daungier of the losse drownyng and surrownyng of the same marthe, for lacke of the preseruacion of the bankes, and the maintenaunce and reparations of the dyches and sluices to the same belongyng, partlie for that that the owners and inheritours of the same, knewe not what part or portion of the sayd marthe dyd or should to hym or them belong or appertayne, & partlie for that that any one of theym would not disbourse any money to be employed, or to be bestowed vpon the reparations or thynges thereunto requisite. For remedy and redresse wherof, and to the intent that euery person, hauing interest in and to the said marthe, may haue and knowe his part and

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porcion by metes and boundes. It may therfore be ordeined, established and enacted, by auctoritie of this present parliament, that on this side the feast of all Saintes next comming, partition, seuerance, diuision, and limitation of the said marishe, may be limited, appointed, assigned, and set out to euery person, now owner or inheritour of the same marishe, to and for his parte and portion in the same, by s^r Edmund de Walsingham, s^r Arthur Darcy, s^r Richard Gretham, s^r William Roche, and s^r Rouland Hyl, knightes, Robert Hennage squyer, Henry Whitreason, Richarde Harry pong gent. Richarde Geruays mercer, Nicolas Wylford marchant taylour, and John Sturgeon haberdasher citezens of London: indifferently named, elected, & chosen, by the assentes, willes and agrementes of the owners, inheritours, and possessioners of the saide marishe, as they or tenne. ix. viii. vii. or. vi. of them, shall iudge determine and awarde by theyr discretions to stande with equitie, right, and conscience. And that the moytie of the sayd Richarde Hyl, shall be separate and seuered by it selfe from the parties and portions of all and singular the residue, owners and inheritours of the same marishe, which determination, ordinaunce, decree, awarde, limitation, diuision, and iudgement, by the same s^r Edmund, s^r Arthur, and the residue afore named, with them, by. x. ix. viii. vii. or. vi. of them, had made, decreed, awarded, limited, determined & adiudged, shall by auctoritie of this act, be put in wyting, and shalbe taken demed & adiudged, to be a good perfecte effectual and final iudgement and determination, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, to binde as well the said Richarde Hyl, as all and euery other the owners, inheritours, and possessioners of the same marishe, theyr heyres and successours, and euery of them, to stande, obserue, fulfill, and kepe the same a ward, decree, separation, diuision, partition, iudgement and limitation, thereuppon and than had, determined, decreed, limited and adiudged.

¶ And further be it enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that the sayde s^r Edmund, s^r Arthur, and the other persons with them aboue named. x. ix. viii. vii. or. vi. of them, at all tymes on this syde the said feast of al Saintes, shall haue power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, to call before them to accomptes and rekeninges, as well the saide Richarde Hyl, as all and euery other person and persons, whiche haue receiued the issues, reuenues, or profits, ryfen and growen of the same marishe, sythens the innynge recouerye and shuttinge by thereof, and also suche persones as haue bene at charges for the defence and maynteynyng of the reparations of the walles, schuses, dyches and bankes of the same, and bypon the rekenynges and accomptes thereof deliberately biewed and hearde, to sette suche oquer and determination, and shall also deduct, allowe and awarde, suche summes of money and other allowances in euery behalfe, as to them. x. ix. viii. vii. or. vi. of them by their discretions and wysedomes, shal seme & be thought to stande with equitie and conscience. The which order, decree, iudgement, and determination by them. x. ix. viii. vii. or. vi. of them put in wytyng by vertue of thys acte, shall stande firme and stable, and for a full determinate order, decree

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finall ende and perfect iudgement, without appellations, contradiction, or other defence or suite hereafter concerning the same, to be had prosecuted or made, in euery condicion, and to all intentes constructions and pourposes, as though all and euerie the sayde parties, inheritors, owners, and possessorers of the sayde marthe, or of anye parte thereof, were bounden by recognisance before the Loide Chancellour of Englande, to obserue, performe fullfil and kepe the same or the lyke order decree separation awarde and iudgement. And that euery party, whiche by the same decree and iudgement, shalbe awarded and adiudged to haue any alowauce or recompence concerning the premisses, for none payment and contentation thereof: shall and may haue his remedy by action therefor as the case shall require, at the common lawe, wher against the defendante shall make no dilatory or foreign plea, nor any wager of lawe, protection, priuiledge, or essoyne to be admittid or allowed. Sauing to all and euery persone and persones, bodies politike and corporate, their heyres and successours, and the heyres and successours of euery of them, other than the owners and inheritors of the sayd marth, all suche right title and interest, rentes, annuities, wares, commons, liberties and other commodities, as they or any of them might, should, or ought to haue had, of in or to the sayde marthe, or any parcel thereof before the making of this acte, this present acte, or any thing therein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

An acte concerning the repaying, making, and amending of
the Cundites in London. Cap. 1.



For as muche as it is very commodious necessary and profitable to all cities, townes, and inhabitations, to haue sweete and holome running waters and freshe springes, to serue the same for their busynesses and necessities, and specially within great townes and cyties, to be conueyed by cundites and fountaynes, whereunto requireth aboundance and copiositie, for the seruinge of the inhabitauntes, of the same, whereof the cite of London hath bene before this tyme well furnished and abundantly serued, tyll that nowe of late, that either for sayntnes of the springes, or for the drynes of the earth, the accustomed course of the waters, comming from the olde springes and auncient heades, are soze decayed diminished and abated, and dayly more and more, be like to appeyre and fayle, to the great discomfortie and displeasure both of the citizens and inhabitantes within the sayd cite and suburbes thereof, as to al other persons hauing recourse to the same to the great decay of the cite, if spedie remedy the soner be not therein had forsene and provided. For remedy wherof sir willia Bowyer knight nowe Mayre of the sayde cite, intending and pondering the same necessitie muche willing to helpe and reliefe the sayde cite and suburbes with newe fountaynes, and freshe springes, for the commoditie of the kynges sayd subiectes, calling to hym as well dyuers graue and expert persons of his bye-

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therne and other of the comminalltie of the sayde citie as other persones, in and about the conuepaunce of water well experimented, hath not onelye by diligente searche and explozation founde oute Druers greatte and plentyfull sprynges, at Hampstede heathe, Marybone, Hackeney, Muswell hylle, and Dyuers places within fyue myles of the sayde citie, verye mete, propise, and conuenient to be brought and conueyed to the same, but also hath laboured studied and deuysed the conuepaunce thereof by cundytes, boutes, and pypes to the sayde citie and otherwise, to his great trauayle, labour, and payne, and also to the greatte charges and costes of the citizens of the sayde citie: whiche good and profitabill purpose, can not sorte to conclusion, nor take good effectte, without the ayde and consent of the kinges maiestie, and of his highe courte of parliament. Wherefore may it please the kynges maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, to establishe and enacte, that it shall be lausfull to the mayre and comminalltie of the sayde citie of London for the tyme beyng, and to their successours assignes and seruantes, at all and euery tyme and times hereafter, to enter into the groundes and possessions, as well of our sayde soueraigne lord the kyng, his heires and successours, as of euery other persone and persones, bodie politike and corporate, where they shall fynde or knowe anye suche sprynges to be, or may be founde for the intent aboue saide, so that it be not into their houses, gardeins, orchardes, or places inclosed with stone bricke or mudwalles, and there to digge pittes, trenches and diches, and to erect heades, lay pipes and make baultes, and to do al and euery suche thinges in the same places and groundes, whiche shall be mete propise and necessary only for the conuepaunce of the sayde water and sprynges to the citie, and the suburbs of the same, and also to haue free ingresse egress and regress in to all suche places, where suche heades, pipes, or baultes, shall be erected layde or made, to viewe and see from time to time the sayde heades, pipes, sulpyralles, and baultes, and theim to amende, repayre, translate, and to doo all thynges necessary and conuenient, as well for the fyndinge of newe sprynges, as for the conueyance of any water or sprynges nowe founde or hereafter to be founde, to the citie and suburbs aforesayde, without interruption lette or impediment of the owners of the grounde their lessees, assignes, or ministers, or any other person.

¶ And further be it enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that the sayde mayre, and his successours and euery of them, for the digging and breaking of anye suche soyle or grounde, in any place or places for the intent and purpose aforesayde, shall within the space of one moneth next after anye suche grounde shall be broken by the ministers or workemen of the said maior or his successours or theyr assignes, for the intentes and purposes aforesayde, satisfie, content, and pay vnto the owners or possessioners of the sayd soyl or ground so broken or digged, as muche money for the same digginge and breakynge, as shall be adiudged and taxed by the determination and iudgement of thre

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of foure indifferent men, to be assygned by the Lorde Chauncellour of Eng-
lande for the tyme beyng, by vertue of the kynges commission from time to
tyme to them dyrected at the costes of the sayd mayre and comunaltie, and
that to be vled for euermore hereafter. And that all suche summes as af-
ter the sayde tyme shall be tared by the sayd thye or foure men, by vertue of
the sayd commission, for satisfaction of any suche breakyng and defacing of
the grounde, shall be payed and satisfied to the possessor or possessors,
owner or owners, of the said grounds, or to their minister, assignes, or offi-
cers by the sayd mayre or his successours for the time being within. x. dayes
nexte after the sayde taration or iudgemente so made and adiudged, vpon
payne the sayde mayre or successours, so denyng or refusynge the payment
thereof, for euerye suche offence, to forsayte. xiii. s. iiii. d. ouer and aboue the
summe so to be assessed, the one halfe of whiche forsayture to be to the kinge
our soueraigne lord, his heires and successours, and the other moitie to the
partie greued that will sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes of re-
corde, by action of det, byll, plaint, information or other wyse, in which action,
byll, or plaint, no wager of lawe protection or essoine shall lye. And neuerthe-
lesse the partie, whose ground hereafter shal be so broken or digged, for non
payment of all suche summes of money as by the sayd thye or foure men for
the tyme beyng, shall be tared and adiudged, shall haue an action of det a-
gainst the sayd mayre or his successours, by whose commaundement any such
grounde shall be so broken, in anye of the kynges courtes of recorde, for the
recouery of the same det so tared, in which action no wager of lawe protec-
tion nor essoine shall lye. And if it shall happen that the sayde thye or foure
men so named by the said lord Chauncellour, in fourme aforesayd, do not, nor
shall not agree in makynge anye suche taration for anye dyggyng, tren-
chynge, or breakyng of suche grounde within the sayde tyme to them lymit-
ted, or that the sayde mayre or his successours for the time being, do not offer
or tender to the partie so greued a resonable amendes and satisfaction for
the breakyng, dygging or trenchinge, his or their sayde grounde: that than
the partie or parties so greued, and whose lande or soyl shall be so hereafter
subuerted and broken, shall haue his lawfull remedy agaynst the sayd mayre
and his successours, by whose commaundement anye suche soyl or grounde,
shall be for the purpose aforesaide digged or broken, by action of trespassse, and
to recouer damages for the same, any thing in this present acte conteyned to
the contrary notwithstanding.

C Provided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if
the said maire, his successours, officers, ministers, or workemen, shal be inter-
rupted molested or prohibited at any time hereafter, to digge & trench any
groundes for the intents abouesaide, or for the laying of pipes, makynge of
heades, vauces, or fountaynes, concerninge the conueyaunce of any newe
sprynge to the saide cite and suburges, or for the searthe repaynginge or a-
mendment of the defautes of the same, or for the conueyaunce of any newe
sprynge of water, or other thinges, requisite and necessarye to be had made

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or done at any tyme or tynes hereafter, concerning the premisses or any of them, by any owner lessee, minister, officer, or other persone what so euer he be, than euery suche persone owner, possessour or persones, so molesting, resisting, or letting the sayde maye and his successours, or his or their officers ministers or workemen, contrary to the true meaning of this act, shal forfeit for euery such offence. xl. s. sterlinge, the one halfe thereof to be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other moitie to the maye and comminaltie of the cite of London, and their successours, and the same to be recouered by action or plaint of det, in any of the kinges courtes, in the whiche no protection essoyne or wager of lawe to be admitted or allowed.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted, that it shal not be lawefull to the sayde maye nor comminaltie, nor to their successours, or ministers, to take awaye any water or spring nowe brought, or hereafter shalbe brought or conueyed by pipes or trenches to the mansion of any persone or persones, for the necessary vse of their houlsholde, nor that any persone or persones, by any waye discete, meane, or any other crafty coueiance, shal vndermine, minish, withdraw, or abate anye springe or springes founde, or hereafter to be founde, nowe brought or conueied, or at any time hereafter to be conueied set and brought to the sayd cite, wherby the water shalbe minished, stopped, abated, or otherwise altered from his due course and conueiaunce, vpon payne to forfeite to the party greued treble damages, the same to be recouered against the party offending, by action or plaint of det in any of the kinges courtes, in the whiche no protection essoyne or wager of lawe to be allowed.

¶ Provided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this act, nor any thing therein contained, shal extende to geue any libertie or auctoritie to the saide maye and comminaltie, or to any of their successours, to enter or bygge in anye of the kinges groundes, for or concerninge the conueying of any water in or to the sayde cite, without the kinges licence therein first had and obteyned, any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if the sayde maye and comminaltie of the cite of London, or their successours, at any time hereafter do fetch and conuey any water from any spring or springes, within the saide heath called Hampsteade heath, vnto the sayd cite, and there erecte and make heades and baultes for the conueyaunce of the same water, that then they the said maye and comminaltie & their successours, shal for euer yelde beare and pay perely vnto the bishop of Westm. for the tyme being, and to his successours, at the feast of saint Michaell the archaungell, one pounce of pepper, in and for the acknowledginge hym and them for the lordes and very owners of the sayde heathe. And that for the sure paymente thereof vnto the sayd bishop for the time beinge, and to his successours, the sayd maye and comminaltie for the time beinge, shal within thre monethes next after the erection and makinge of any suche heades and baultes vpon the saide heath, make or cause to be made to the sayd byshop for the tyme being

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inge, and his successours, a sufficient graunt in wyrtynge vnder their common seale with clause of distresse, within anye their landes or tenementes, within the sayde citie of London, whan, and as often as it shall happen or fortune the sayde pounce of pepper at any tyme after the grant therof to be behinde vnpayde by the space of .x. dayes after the saide feast aboue limited; for the verely paiement thereof, and it be lawfully asked or demaunded by the sayd bishop, or his successours, or his or their assignes, of the sayd mayre and his successours, vpon any court day within the Guilde hall, this present act of parliament, or any thing therein cōteined to the cōtrary notwithstanding.

C Provided also and be it further enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that the sayd mayre and comminaltie or their successours, shal not at any tyme hereafter medle with the spring at the foote of the hyll of the sayde heath, called Hamsted heth, now closed in with bycke, for the ease commoditie and necessary vse of the inhabitantes of the towne of Hamstede, nor do cause or procure to be done any thinge, acte or actes, to the impayring, hurte, or diminishing of the water of the same spring, at any time hereafter, this act or any thyng therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. And also it shall and may be lawfull to the sayd bishop and his successours, to dygge, finde, and conuey, or cause to be digged, founde, and conueyed, from any spring or springes, in any grounde or groundes, on the lefte syde of the hyghe waye, leading from the towne of Hamstede aforesaide, towarde Hendon, to the manour place of Hamstede aforesayd, water sufficient for the vse and comoditie of the same manour place, the sayde acte or any thyng therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

An act for the due payment of the fees and wages of knights and burgesles of the parliament in Wales. Cap. xi.



Where the knightes of all and every shyre of this realme of Englande and Wales, and the burgesles of all cities townes and borougges of the same, be named, elected, and chosen, for their assembly in the kinges hyghe court of parliament, as by auncient laudable lawes and customes of this realme, hath bene vsed and accustomed, at and by the kynges maiesties highe commaundemente, vnto the whiche knightes and burgesles their fees and wages be assigned certainly, that is to saye, to every knyght by the day .iiii. s. and to every citezen burgesse, by the daye .ii. s. or more, as heretofore hath bene accustomed, accomptinge for the same so many dayes, as the sayde hyghe court of parliament endureth, with addition therunto of so many dayes as ebery suche knight and burgesse maye reasonably tournepe and resorte from their habitations or dwelling places, to the saide highe court of parliament, and from the sayde hyghe court to retourne to their habitations or dwellinge places, together with their costes of wyrttes and other ordinary fees and charges: whiche wages, fees, and charges, at al times ought to be

to be leuied and collected by the shyriffes, and by the mayres baylyffes and other head officers, of & in cities, boroughes, and to wnes aforesayd, wherein some of the said shyriffes, maires and bailiffes, and other head officers of and in cities, boroughes, and to wnes aforesayde, haue bene negligent and laches, not indeuourynge them selues in accomplisshement of theyr duties in collection and payment of the same in due fourme, accordinge to iustice, to the greate hurt, iniury, and delay of the kinges saide subiectes. Be it therefore enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that the shyriffes for the tyme beinge, of euery of the. xii. shires in Wales, and in the countie of Monmouth, from the beginning of this present parliament, shall haue full power and auctoritie, by force of this acte, to gather and leuy, or cause to be gathered and leuied, the saide knightes fees and wages of the inhabitantes of the saide. xii. shyres, and of the saide countie of Monmouth, whiche ought to paye the same: and the same so gathered, shall paye, or cause to be payed to euery suche knight or knightes, or to his or their assignes, within the terme of twoo monethes after that any suche knight or knightes shall deliuer or cause to be deliuered the kinges wyte. De solutione feodi militis parliament. to any suche shyriffe and euery suche shyriffe, makinge default of paiement of the saide fees or wages, in maner and fourme as is aforesaide, to lose and forsaite. xx. li. whereof the one moitie to be to the kinges vse, and the other to his or their vse that will sue for the same, in anye of the kynges courtes of recorde, by information byll or plaint, or othe[r]wise, afoze anye of the kynges officers: whercin non essoy[n] protection nor wager of law shall be admitted. And if it shall happen anye shyriffe, in any of the saide. xii. shyres and countie of Monmouth, to make default of payment of the sayde wages or fees, by a lenger terme than twoo monethes: than euerye suche shyriffe to forsaite for euery moneth that he or they shall make defaulte, twenty poundes, to be forsaited and leuied in maner and fourme as is aforesayde. And that euery maire and bailiffes, and other head officers, of cities, boroughes, and to wnes in euery the saide. xii. shires, and in the saide countie of Monmouth, within like terme and space of two monethes after the receite of the kinges maiesties wyte De solutione feod. burgent. parliament, lyke as is before mentioned for gatheringe or leuying of the knightes fees, shall leuy, gather, and pay the wages and fees to their burgesses, in lyke maner and fourme, as is aforesaide, and in and vnder like peine and forsaitures, as be before mentioned. to be leuied of the goodes and cattalles of euery suche mayre, bailiffe, and other head officer, to whome the kinges sayde wyte shall be directed for the leuying of suche fees, makinge defaulte of payment of the sayde fees and wages to the burgesses, in maner and fourme as is aforesayde.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, for as muche as the inhabitantes of all cities and boroughes in euery the sayde. xii. shyres within Wales, and in the sayde county of Monmouth, not finding burgesses for the parliament them selues, must beare and pay the burgesses wages

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ges within the shyre towne, of and in euery the sayd. xii. shyres in Wales, and in the saide countie of Monmouth: that from the beginning of the said parliament, the burgeses of all and euery of the saide citie, boroughes, and towne, whiche be and shalbe contributory to the payment of the burgeses wages, of the said shyre towne, shalbe lefully admonished, by proclamation or otherwise, by the mayres bailiffes or other head officers of the said towne, or by one of them, to come and to giue their elections for the electing of the saide burgeses, at suche time and place leful and reasonable, as shal be assigned for the same entet by the said maires, bailiffes, and other head officers of the said shyre towne, or by one of them, in which elections the burgeses shal haue like voyce and auctoritie, to electe, name, and chose the burgeses of euery the saide shyre towne, like and in suche maner as the burgeses of the sayde shyre towne haue or vse.

¶ Provided alwaies, that two Iustices of peace in euery the shires in Wales, and in the said countie of Monmouth, by force of this act shal haue full power and auctoritie, indifferently to lot and tax euery citie, borough, and towne, within the shires of Wales, wherein they do inhabite, and in the said countie of Monmouth, for the portions and rates that euery the sayd citie and boroughes, shal beare and paye towarde the sayde burgeses, within the said shyre towne of euery of the said shires in Wales, and the countie of Monmouth, which rates so rated and taxed in grosse by the said two iustices of peace, as is aforesaid, shalbe againe rated and taxed on the inhabitantes of euery the sayd citie and boroughes, by. iiii. or. vi. discrete and substanciall burgeses of euery the sayd citie and boroughes in Wales, thereunto named and assigned by the mayre, bailiffes, or other head officers of the sayd citie, towne, and boroughes, for the time being, and thereupon the maires, bayliffes, and other heade officers, of euery suche citie, borough, and towne, to collecte and gather the same, and thereof to make payment in maner and fourme as is aforesaid, to the burgeses of the parliament for the tyme being, within lyke tyme, and vpon the lyke peynes and forfeitures as is aboue mentioned.

¶ An acte for the remission of the lone. Cap. xij.



¶ The kinges moste humble, faithfull, louing and obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, prudently and louingly considering and calling to their remembraunces, not onely the innumerable benefites and goodnes, whiche they heretofore haue receiued, had, and intioyed, by and from his moste royall maiestie, by the tranquillitie of peace, due and iust administration & execution of Justice within this his realme of England, sith the time of his assuption of his crowne, estate & indignity royal, to his great laude, glory and honour, but also the inestimable costes charges and expen-

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res, whiche his hyghnes necessarily and of fine force hath bene coacted and compelled to susteyne and support, chiefly for the suertie and comfort of hys graces subiectes, as by sundrye wayes and meanes, and vpon iust and reasonable occasiōs and groundes, in and for the maintenaunce of his warres, inuasion and defence of his enuemies, repressing and subduing rebels and traytours: Concludinges of peace, amitie, and concord in all Christen regions, refozmyng and extinctyng, maye damnable and daungerous scismes, opinyons, and argumentes, sprong and rysen in the Church of Englande, and also of Irelande, whereof he is in earth supreme head, whose most godly and honourably actes, as well marciall, as other, hys moste politike and prudent affaiers and enterprises haue not only redounded to his immortall fame and honour, but also to the great quiet commoditie and profite of this realme of Englande, in and about the whiche, his maiestie (as it is not vnto-
knownen) hath taken intollerable paynes trauaile studie and labour, in his owne moste royall persone, and exposed and dispended much notable trespure and inestimable substance, as well rysen and growen by any maner contribution made to his maiestie by his sayd louing subiectes, as also of his owne perely reuenues of his crowne, whiche els his hyghnes might haue referred and kepte to his owne vse and commoditie. And not withstanding that his maiestie, of his inestimable goodnes hathe of longe time like a charitable lounge and mooste vertuous pynce, tendered, trusted, loued, and fauoured Frauncis no we the frenche kyng, and shewed vnto hym dyuers and sundry inestimable gratuities and amities, as well by redeeming him and his chyl-
dren out of captiuitie and thraldome, as also relieuing hym of his pouertie by dyuers and sundry prestes and lones of notable summes of money to hym made, trustyng thereby to haue preserved and continued loue, amitie, peace, and concord, betwene the regions of England and Fraunce: Yet the same frenche kyng, nothyng regarding his honoure, othe, trouthe, promyse, and fidelitie, made vnto his maiestie, hath not only most ingratfully & wrong-
fully withdrawen from his said maiestie, the due rightfull and accustomed pencion, alwayes heretofore vsed (as of righte) to be payde to his mayestie, and this his realme, out of the realme of Fraunce: but also hathe inferred and done vnto his maiestie, and hys lounge subiectes, manye other ryghte great and intollerable displeasures, wronges, iniuries, and damages: And for the mayntenaunce thereof, hath confederated hym selfe with the greates
Turke, common enemy to all Christendome, pretending thereby to satisfie hys owne ambycious mynde, and entendynge to putte vniuersall trouble and diuision in all the monarchie of Christendome, and subdue the realme of Englande, to his power and subiection. And where also his maiestie is iustely and lawfully intituled vnto the crowne and realme of Scotland, and to whose hyghnes as to theyr naturall and soueraigne liege lord, all the inhabitauntes of the same, oughte to beare due obedience and be subiectes: Yet neuertheles the same frenche king cesseth not dailly to procure, moue, &
there the same Scottes, contrary to the dutie of their allegiance, faith, and
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promyse, confirmed with great othe, not only to rebel against his maiestye, but also to make dyuers and sundry incurres, inuasions, spoyles, burninges, murders, wastinges and depopulations in this his realme of England, and to make open warre against the kinges maiestie, this his realme of England, and other his graces dominions. Wherefore the kynges moste excellent maiestie, like a moste godly vertuous and prudent prince, intending as well to mete with their sayd malicious pretended purposes and enterpryses, as also to recouer his rightes of his auncient inheritaunces, is forced, and can of his honour no lesse do, but determyne hym selfe, by the helpe of almighty God, to put his owne to all persone, with the power of his realme and subiectes in armure, to the intent to leue warre, and to prosecute his sayde enemies, with the sword to the extremitie of his power: trusting thereby to reduce and bring his sayde enemies, to suche reasonable conditions of peace, that the same shall redounde to his graces honour, and to the vtilitie, profit, commoditie and suerty of this his realme, and his louinge subiectes of the same. For the maintenaunce of whiche his maiesties warres, are required inestimable summes of treasure, to be employed and defrayed about the same.

Wherefore his moste louinge and obedyente subiectes, consyderynge that it is their office and moste bounden dutie, to honour, abyde, mayntayne, and supporte his maiestie in all his iuste quarrelles, with theyr bodies, landes, goodes, and substaunce, myndyng to beare with his hyghnes, in thys his moste gracious and godly enterpryse, to the eleuation of parte of his greate and inestimable charges, callinge to theyr remembraunce, that dyuers and sundry of his louyng and obedyent subiectes, sythen the fyrst day of Januarye, in the xxxiii. yere of his mooste noble reygne, haue aduaunced vnto his maiestie, by waye of preste and lone, dyuers and sundry seuerall and particular summes of money. For the repayment whereof, sundrye and seuerall wrytynges, vnder his maiesties prynces seale, were seuerally deliuered vnto his sayde louyng and obedyente subiectes, to be repayde vnto them, at sundrye dayes of payment, yet to come: wherby the summes of money, as it is notoriously knowen, his hyghnes hath fully and holpe conuerted and employed, to the behofe, vse, and commodytie of his louyng subiectes of thys his realme, and for the common wealth and defence of the same.

In consydration of all and singular the premices, his sayde humble, faythfull, louyng, and obedyente subiectes, of one mynde, consente, and assente, and by auctoritie of thys presente parliament, doe for thein selues, and all the whole bodye of thys realme, whome they do presente, freely, lybertyly, and absolutely, geue and graunte vnto the kynges hyghnes, by auctoritie of thys presente parliamente, all and euerye summe and summes of money, whiche to them, or any of them, is ought or myght be due by reason of anye money, or anye other thyng, to his grace aduanced or payde by waye of the sayde preste or lone: And utterly, franckly, liberally, moste willingly and beneuolently, for them, their heyres, executors, and successours, do remit, release and quiet clayme vnto his hyghnes; his heyres, and successours for e-

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net, all and euery the same summes of monye, and euery parcell thereof. And all and singular suites petycions and demaundes, whiche they or anye of them, theyr heyres successours and executours, or the heyres executours or successours of any of them haue had or may haue for the same or any parcell thereof: Whosse humbly and louinglye besecching bys hyghnes, for the moze cleare discharge of the same, that it maye be ordeyned and enacted, by the kyng our soueraygne Lorde, the Lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all promysse, bandes, letters, vnder the kynges pryuy seale, signet, sygne manuell, or great seale passed, and all other bondes or promysse, what so euer they be, had or made to anye persone or persones, spirytuall or temporal, shyre, cite, boroughe, wapentake, towne shyre, hamlet, bylage, hundred, churche cathedraall or collegiat, or to any guilde, fraternitie, or bodie corporate, felowshyre or company, or any other, hauing capacitie to take any bande promysse or wytyng, especially or generally, ioyntely or seuerally, touching or concernynge the sayde prest or lone, and euery of them, or the repayment of any summe or summes of money for the same, be from henceforth voyde and of none effecte.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctoritie aboue sayde, that if any persone or persones, what so euer he or they be, whiche at any time after the sayde first daye of January, which was in the sayd. xxxiii. yere of the raigne of our now most gracions soueraigne lord, hath payde aduanced or deliuered to the king our soueraigne lorde, or to any persone or persones to his vse, any summe or summes of money, by way of prest or lone, as is abouesayd, and haue againe obteyned of or from the kynges maiestie, the sayd summe or summes of money so aduanced, prested, or lent to his hyghnes, or anye percell thereof, or any other recompence what so euer, by bargayne, graunt, gyfte, sale, commaundement, assignement, repayment, by of or from his maiestie, or by any other what soeuer meane: That than all and euerye the sayde summe and summes of money, and euerye parcell thereof, so aduanced prested or lent, and repayde or receyued by any manner of meane, as is abouesayd, or otherwyse recompenced, shall be repayde or satisfied vnto the kynges maiestie, or to the cofeter of bys moste honourable houlsholde, or to suche other persone or persones, as by his maiestie shalbe therunto assigned or appoynted, to the vse of his maiestie, by suche persone or persones, that so aduanced prested or lent any such summe or summes of money, or by the executours of such persone or persones deceased, hauing sufficient goodes of their testatours in his or theyr hande or handes, the. xiiii. daye of February, the. xxv. yere of the reigne of our now moste gracions and naturall soueraygne liege lorde, or of the heyre or heyres of the same persone or persones, so deceased, hauynge landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, to hym or them so descended, in fee simple or fee tayle, from the same person or persons, that is so aduanced, prested, or lent, any summe or summes of money, as is aboue sayde, the. xliiii. daye abouesayd, at the lyberty and pleasure of his hyghnes, before the feast of al

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of all saintes next commynge, without anye maner of contradiction, or farther delaye: Any warrant, bargayne, couenaunt, graunt, agreement, assignement, or other commaundement heretofore made to the contrary not withstanding: The same summes to be demaunded and recouered by his maiestie in any of his courtes, by byll, action of Det, information, or other wyse: In whiche no wager of lawe, essoine or protection, shall be permitted suffered or allowed.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aboue sayde, that if any person or persones, whiche haue auanced prested or lent to the kinges maiestie, any summe or summes of money, as is abouesayde, haue bargayned and solde the sayde summe or summes of money, so auanced, prested, or lent; and the det and due tie of the same to any person or persones, what so ever he or they be, and haue receiued any summe or summes of money, couenaunt, promise, or other thing or thinges, in and for the recompence thereof: That than all and euery suche bargaine and bargaines, sale and sales, couenaunt or couenantes, promise and promises, shall be utterly voyde and of none effecte.

And that than all and euery person and persones, whiche so haue bargained, obtained, or bought, any suche summe or summes of money, so auanced, prested, or lent, as is abouesayde, shall be repayed and restored to all and euery summe and summes of money, or other thinge or thinges, of what nature or qualitie so ever it be of, or by the persone or persones, that so bargained and solde the same, or of or by the executour or executours of suche persone or persones, being dead, hauinge goodes sufficient of his or their testatour in his or their hande or handes, the. xiiii. daie abouesayde, or of or by the heire or heires of the sayde persone or persones being dead, as is abouesayde, hauing landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, to him or them descended, in fee simple, or in fee tayle, the. xiiii. daie abouesaid, by or from the sayde persone or persones, that so made bargaine or sale, as is abouesayde, at the libertie and pleasure of the sayde persone and persones, that so bargained or bought the sayde debte, due tie, and money lent, or his or their executours or administratours as is abouesayde, without contradiction or delaye. And for the recouery of the same, shall haue his or their remedy and recouery by action of Det detinue or accompt, as the nature or qualitie of the thing requieth, against the withholder or withholders thereof. In whiche action no wager of lawe essoyne or protection, shall be permitted suffered or allowed.

¶ An acte that the demaynlandes and tenementes in Walsingham, belonging to the late ppyze there, may be let by cove of court rolle. Cap. xij.

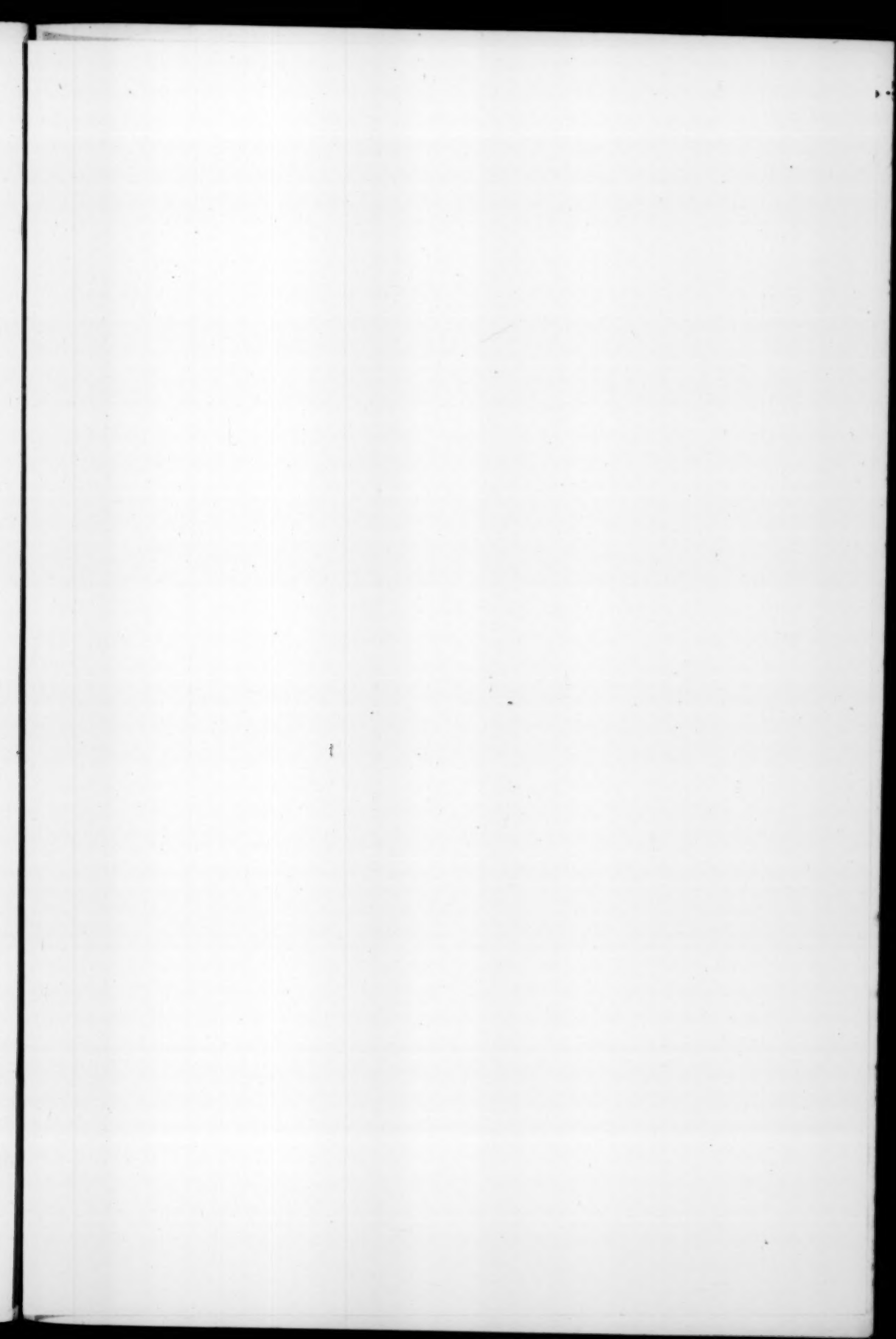


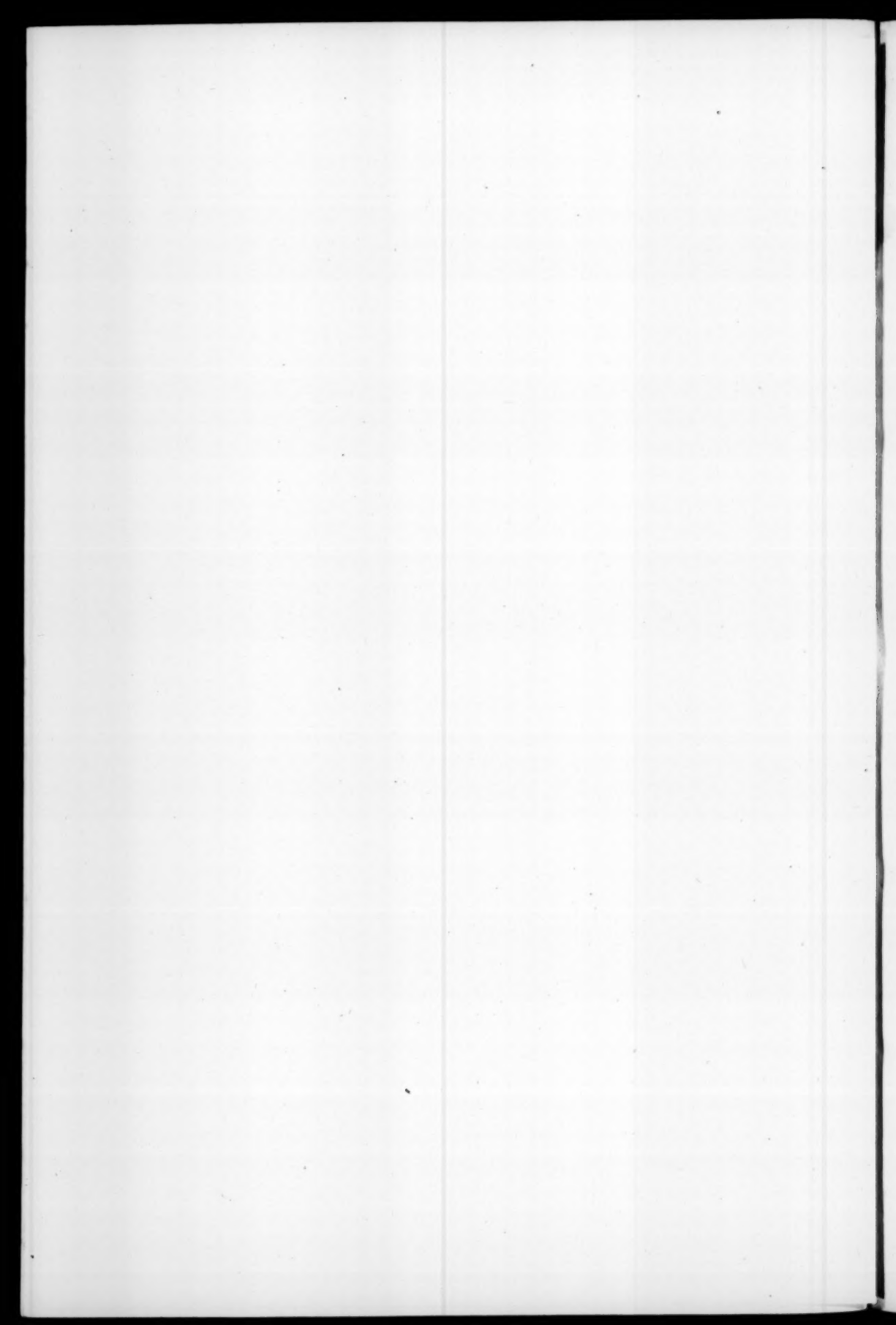
He kynges imperiall maiestie, moste beningnelye calling to his gracious remembraunce, that his towne of little Walsingham, other wyse called newe Walsingham, which heretofore, as well through the great and continuall trade of al maner of marchaundise in times past, there vsed and practised

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tyled, as also by and through the populous concourse and resorte of his people from all partes of this realme in tymes paste, within the sayde towne frequented and continued, was growen and comen to be very populous, welthy, and beautifully builded, is at this present by the greate decaye and withdrowyng of the sayde trade of marchaundise there, and by dyuerse othet sundrye occasions of late happened, lyke to fall to vtter ruine, and to be barrayne, desolate, and vnepeopled: myndyng of his accustomed goodnes and princely zeale, to susteyne and mainteyne his sayd towne of new Walsingham, in no lesse welthe, rycheesse, beautie, and prosperitie, than the same at at any tyme heretofore hath bene supported and mainteyned, is pleased and contented, that where his sayde maiestie is leased of the manours of Graunges, Colinghams, Bottes, Fennes and Warthes, with the appurtenances in the countie of Norfolke, whiche sayde manours were parcell of the possessions of the late Abbey or Biorpe of Walsingham, in the sayde countie of Norfolke, that it be enacted by his hyghnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parlamente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all those his gracyis houses, lands and tenementes, with the appurtenaunces, beyng parte or parcell of anye of the Demeanes of the sayde manours of the Graunges, Colynghams, Bottes, Fennes, and Warthes, with the appurtenaunces, or anye of them, shall from henceforth be vled and taken to all intentes constructions and purposes, as copy holde, landes and tenementes, and shall and maye from henceforth be graunted by coppe of courte rolle, by the hyghe steward or vndersteward of euery of the sayde manours, or by their sufficient deputye or deputies, lawefully auctozised in that behalfe, to any persone or persones, in fee simple for terme of lyfe or liues, yelding, reseruing, doing, and payinge, suche rentes, seruices, fines, heriottes, & customes, as within the sayd copies, shall be specified and mencioned, and for Defaute of none doing or paying of the rentes, Dueties and seruices, in any the same copies to be mencioned, all and euery suche parte and parcel of the said Demeanes, wherof any such copy or copies shall be made, in suche maner and fourme as is before rehearsed, shall from the time of euery suche copy therof to be made, be and remaine in suche lyke issues and forsayfures to euery intent and purpose as other coppe hold and customary landes and tenementes of euery such the said manours now doe, wherof the said Demeane mansions, houses, landes, & tenementes, so to be graunted by copy, bene parcell.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euerye the copies hereafter to be made of any part of the premisses, in maner and fourme by copy of court rolle, as is aboue specified, shall from and after the same copie and copies so to be made and graunted, as is aforesayde, be as good, sure, beneficiall and effectuell in the lawe, to euery purpose and intende, to all and euery such persone and persones, whiche so shall happen to accept receiue and take the same, according to the fourme, tenour and effecte of euery the sayde copies, as well againste the kynges hyghnes, hys heires and successours





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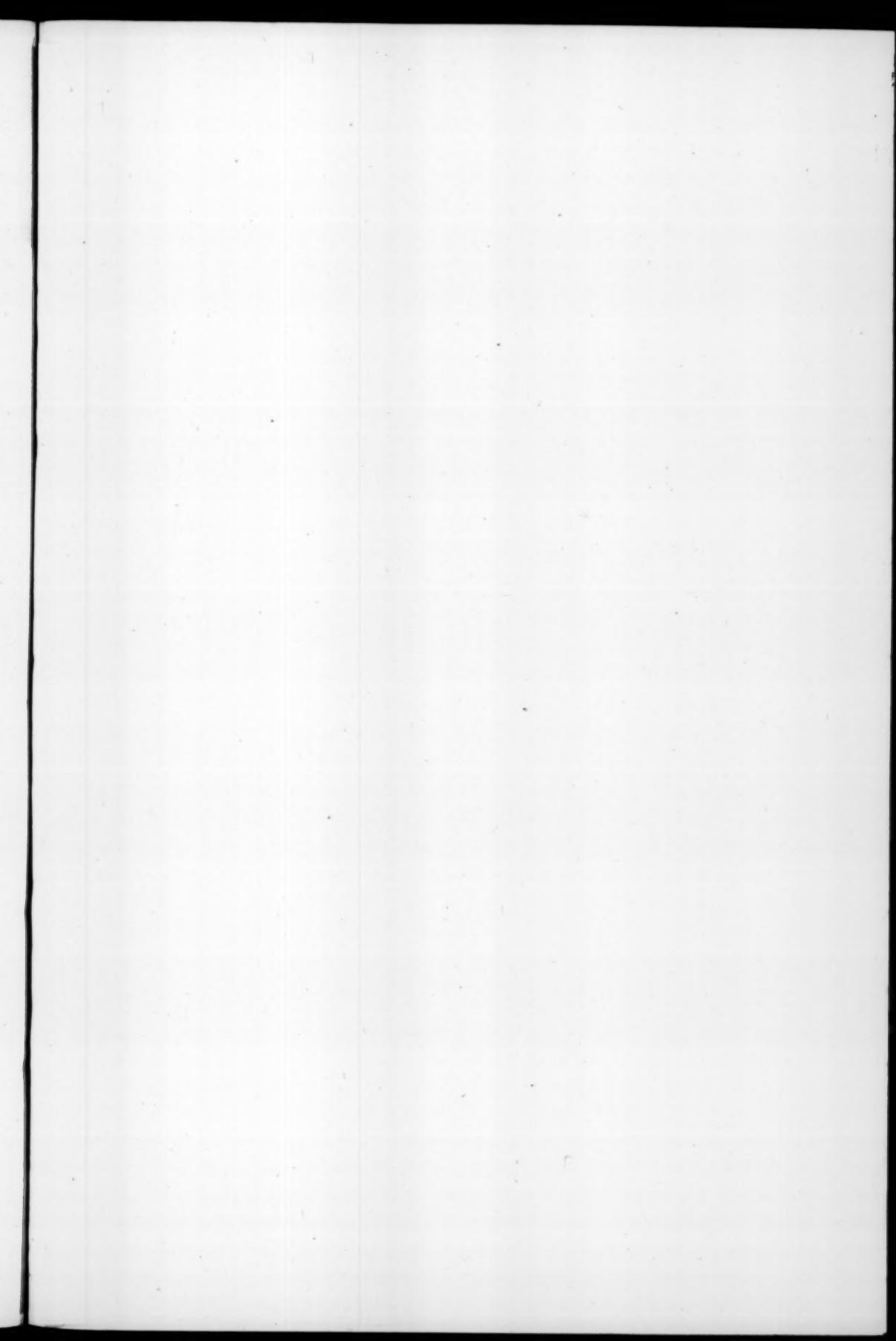
successours, as against all and every other persone and persones, and their heyres, and the heyres of every of them, that shal hereafter happen to be lord or lordes, of the saide manours and other the premises or any of them, as if the same demeanes, houses, landes, and tenementes, had bene alwayes accustomed to be graunted or lessen by copy of court rolle, anye lawe custome or blage heretofore to the contrary hereof had made or used in any wyse notwithstanding. Saving to all and every persone and persones, and bodys politike, and their heyres and successours, and the heyres and successours of everye of them, other then our sayde soueraygne lord the kynge, his heyres and successours, all suche ryght, title and interest, rentes, annuities and leases, and all other profittes, whiche they or any of them, have clayme, ought, may or might have had in or to the premises, or to any parte or parcell thereof, in suche lyke maner forme and condition, fo all intentes respectes constructions and purposes, as if this acte had never bene had ne made.

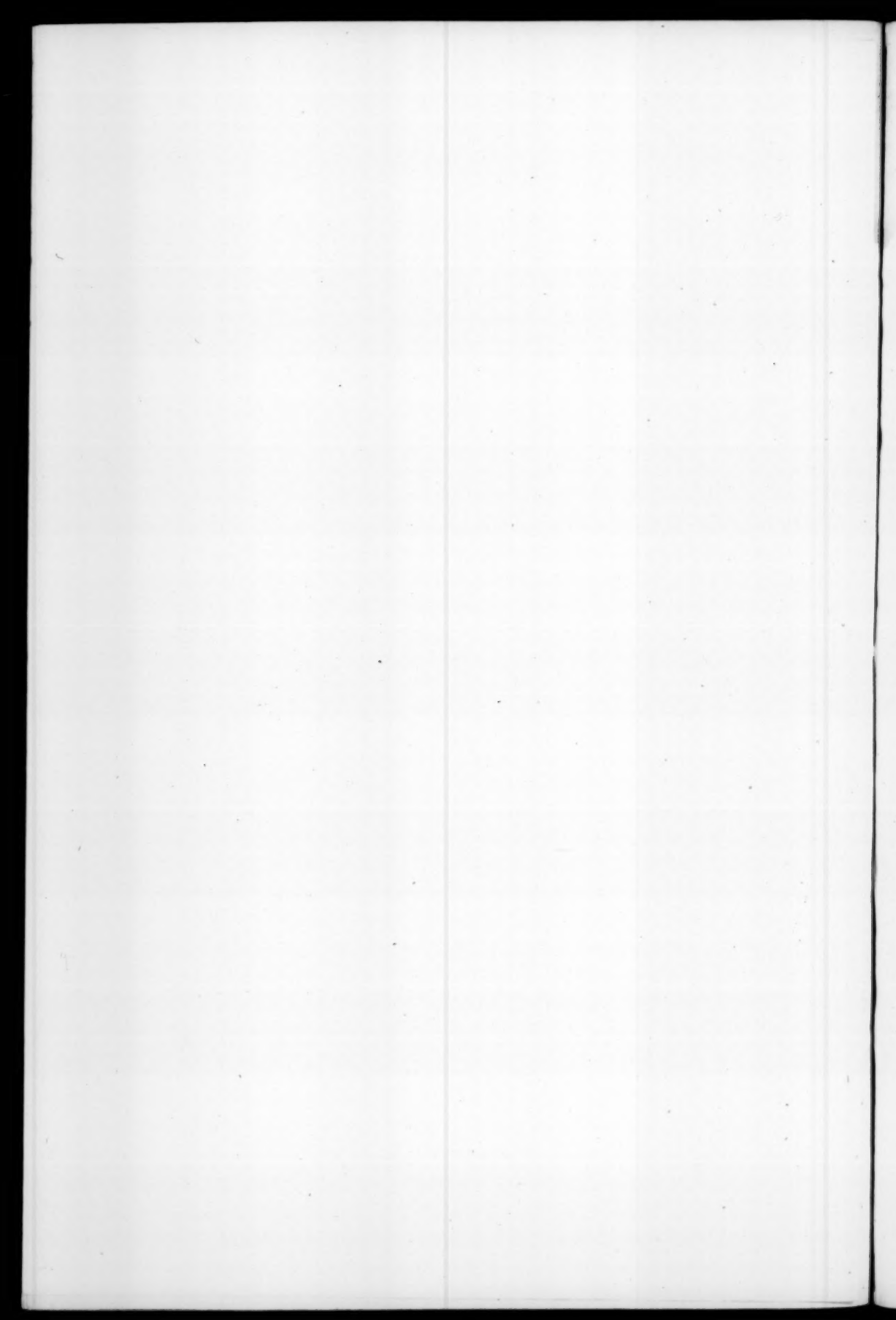
¶ An act for the reservation of tenures upon houses with landes belonging to the same, under the clere perely value of .xl. s. Cap. xiiii.



Leaseth it your moste excellent maiestie, that to where as in the parliament begon at Westmynst. the third day of November, in the .xxi. yeare of your moste gracious reigne, and by diuers prorogations there continued, vntill the .iij. day of february, in the .xxvii. yeare of your sayde reigne, and than and there it was amongst other thynges enacted, ordeyned, and establisshed by auctoritie of your hyghe court of parliament, that your sayd maiestie shal haue and enioye to your hyghnes, your heyres and successours for ever, all and singular suche monasteries priories and other religious houses, of Nunkes, Chanons, and Runnes, of what kyndes or dyuersties of habites, rules or order so ever they were then called or named, whiche then had not in landes, tenementes, rentes, tithes, pensions, or other hereditamentes aboute the clere pearely value of .CC. li. and all the sites and circutes of all suche religious houses, and all and singular the manours, graunges, meeces, landes, tenements, reuercions, rentes, services, tithes, pensions, advowsons, patronages, rightes, entrees, conditions and other hereditamentes appertaynyng and belonging to everye suche monastery priory and other religious houses, not having as is aforesayde, landes and tenementes aboute the saide clere perely value of .CC. poundes; in as large and ample maner; as the abbottes, priours, abbesles, prioresses, and other governours of suche monasteries priories and other religious houses, than had or oughte to haue had the same, in the right of their houses. And that your said hyghnes should haue to you and to your heires, all and singular such monasteries, abbeyes, and priories, whiche at any time within one yeare next afore the makinge of the sayde act, had bene graunted to your said maiestie by any abbot prior abbesle or prioressle, vnder their couent scales, or that other wyse had bene sup-

pressed or dissolved, and all and singular the manours, landes, tenementes,
 rentes, seruices, reuertions, tithes, pencion, portions, churches, chapels, ad-
 uousons, patronages, rightes, entrees, conditions, and all other interestes,
 and hereditamentes to the same monasteries, abbayes, or priories, or to any
 of them, than appertayning or belonging, to do and vse therewith your sayd
 highnes owne will. And furthermoze, by the saide act it was ordeyned and
 establisshed, that all and euery the premisses, should be in the order suruey and
 gouernance of your said highnes court, then erected and called the court of
 the augmentations of the reuenues of your highnes crowne, except alwaie
 and reserued suche, and as many of the same monasteries, priories, and hou-
 ses, with all their hereditamentes and possessions, whiche your said highnes
 by your letters patentes vnder your great seale, should then declare and ly-
 mitte to continue and be in their essentiall estate, and to perseuer in the bo-
 dy and corporation, as they were before the makinge of the sayde acte. And
 where also it was then further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaide, that by
 pon all and singular letters patentes, than to be made vnder the great seale
 of Englande, of any manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, be-
 longing or apperteyning to any of the sayd houses compysed in the said act,
 and committed to the suruey of the saide court, to any person or persones, or
 body politike, of any estate of inheritaunce, there should be reserued to your
 sayd highnes, your heires and successours, a tenure by knightes seruice, in
 capite, and a yerely rent of the tenth part of the yerely value of the same lan-
 des, to be compysed in euery suche letters patentes, according to suche rate,
 as the same manours, landes and tenementes geuen, should be declared, ex-
 pressed to be of yearely value in the same letters patentes, any thing or clause
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 moze playnely at large it maye appeare by the sayde estatute. Since the
 making whereof, a great numbry of your moste bounden louyng and obe-
 dient subiectes, haue purchased and obteyned of your saide highnes, by your
 graces letters patentes, diuers and sundry houses, landes, tenementes and
 hereditamentes, parcell of the premisses, by small quilletes parcels and por-
 tions, according to thei powers habilitie and substance, towarde the
 sustentation of thei selues, thei wyues and chyldren. And for as muche,
 as they be not hable to maynteine thei poore family of the yerely issues and
 profites somming and growing of the sayd small quilletes houses and tene-
 mentes, paying and doing the rentes and seruices reserued for and vpon the
 same, in suche maner as of right appertayneth: It may therfore please your
 sayd excellent maiestie, of your moste abundant grace, that in consideration
 of the premisses, and for the ease and reliefe of youre subiectes, that it maye
 be enacted ordeyned and establisshed by your highnes, with the assent of the
 lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament
 assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that from and after the. xiiii. daye
 of Aprill, in the. xxxv. yere of youre moste noble reygne, that youre sayde
 highnes, your heires or successours, shall or may at your wyll and pleasure
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by your letters patentes, of any manours, landes, tenementes, reuerfions, rentes, feruites, tithes, pensions, portions, aduoufons, patronages, or other hereditamentes, not exceeding the cleere yerely value of .xl. s. whiche were belonging to any of the sayde houfes compysed in the sayde acte, wherby any estate of inheritauce doth or shall passe from your sayd highnes, your heyres or successours (houfes, tenementes, cotages and gardeins, wherunto no landes, tenementes or hereditamentes do appertayne, only excepted) referue vnto your sayde hyghnesse, your heyres and successours, eyther a tenure by knyghtes seruice in capite, or elles a tenure in socage or free burgage, and not in capite, at your free will and pleasure, with the yerely rent of the tenth parte of the sayde landes and tenementes to be compysed in euerye suche letters patentes, according to suche rate and value, as the same manours, landes and tenementes, shall be expressed and rated to be of the yearely value of the same letters patentes, the sayde rent to be payde to the officers of your highnes sayde court of the augmentations of the reuenewes of your crowne, to your sayde hyghnesse vse, accordinge as other reuenues there be and shalbe payde by the auctorite of the sayde acte. And that of houfes, tenementes, cotages, and gardeynes, wherunto no landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes do appertayne, not beyng any of the kynges princely houfes, reserved and kepte by a keeper thereof for the kynges vse, whiche were belonging to any of the sayde houfes compysed in the sayde acte, by your euery the letters patentes of any the sayde houfes, tenementes, cotages and gardeynes, to the whiche no landes do appertayne, wherby any estate of inheritauce doth or shall passe therein from your sayde hyghnesse, your heyres or successours, to referue vnto the same your hyghnesse, your heyres and successours, at your owne will and pleasure, eyther a tenure by knyghtes seruice in capite, or els a tenure in socage or free burgage, and not in capite, with the yearely rente of the tenth parte, as is aforesayde: any lawe statute, custome, vlage, or any other thyng or thynges heretofore to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ An acte for pauing of Cambridg. Cap. xv.



Et as muche as the auncient boroughe and towne of Cambridg, well inhabited and replenished with people, bothe in the vniuersite, where noble and many worshipfull mens children be put to learning & study, also with diuers and sundrye artificers and other inhabitantes, is at this day very sore decayed in pauing, and the highe streates and lanes within the same towne exceedingly noyed with filth and miet, lying there in great heapes and brode plashes, not onely noysome and combrous to the inhabitantes of the sayd boroughe, and suche other the kinges subiectes as daily do passe by and through the same on foote: but also very perillous and fedious to all such persones, as shall on horseback comye or cary any thing with cartes

by and through the same. For the amendement and reformation whereof, it may please the kynges highnes, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that it maye be ordeyned established and enacted, that all and euery persone and persones, bodies politike and corporate, which now haue or at any tyme hereafter shall haue holde and enioye, any houses landes, tenementes, gardeines, pearces, orcheyardes, barnes, stables, cotages, curtillages, or other groundes or soyles, set lying and being within the saide towne, next adioynning or abutting vpon euery highe wayes, streates, or lanes within the same towne of Cambridge, in fee simple, fee tayle, frank almoigne by deuine seruice, for terme of life, for terme of yeres, or the wardship or custody of any heire or heires, during the nonage of the same heire or heires, or els by execution, by wyfte of Elegit, or for or by estatute of the staple, recognisans or statute marchant, or other wyse in hys owne righte, or in the right of his wyfe, shall on this syde the fraisse of saynt Peter the aduincula, commonly called Lammass, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord God, after the course and computacion of the churche of Englande. M. D. XLV. well and sufficiently, paue or cause to be paued with pauing stone, all and euery the highe wayes and stretes, lying directly before their sayde houses, landes, tenementes, gardeines, pearces, orchardes, barns, stables, cotages, curtillages, groundes, or soilles, set, lying a being in the high stretes and lanes, in the saide towne hereafter specified, that is to saye the highe strete called the bydgstrete, from saynt Peters church at the castell ende, directly as the same high strete ledeyth & stretcheth ouer the great bydge, and so throughout the preachers strete on both sides of the same stretes, to the lane betwyte saint Nicholas hostyll and the late dissolved place of the friers preachers, leading forwarde Waldon: And also the highe strete called the high warde strete, from the ende of saint Johns lane ouer against the rounde church, directly as the same high strete leadeth and stretcheth from the same corner, vnto the late heremitage of saint Anne, on bothe the sides of the same strete. The market place of the same towne, and all other common streates and lanes within the same towne, that now be paued, or at any tyme heretofore hath bene pauid, euery persone and persones as is aboue said, to paue suche parte and quantitie of the saide wayes stretes & lanes, vnto the middes of the same wayes stretes and lanes, and in length as his or theire houses, tenementes, groundes and soyles do lye and extende by and against the sayde wayes stretes and lanes.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted, that Jesus lane, the blacke friers lane, with the wayes leading vnto Barnwell, and so throughout the same towne to Sturbridge bridge; Harlestone lane, saynt Gyles lane, to the ende of Newton lane, extending and leading from the bridge against the myles, vnto the ende of the same lane, ouer againste the Quenes colledge, and the lane leading from saint Johns vnto the water syde, and all other common backe lanes belonging to the same towne, that now be not, nor heretofore haue

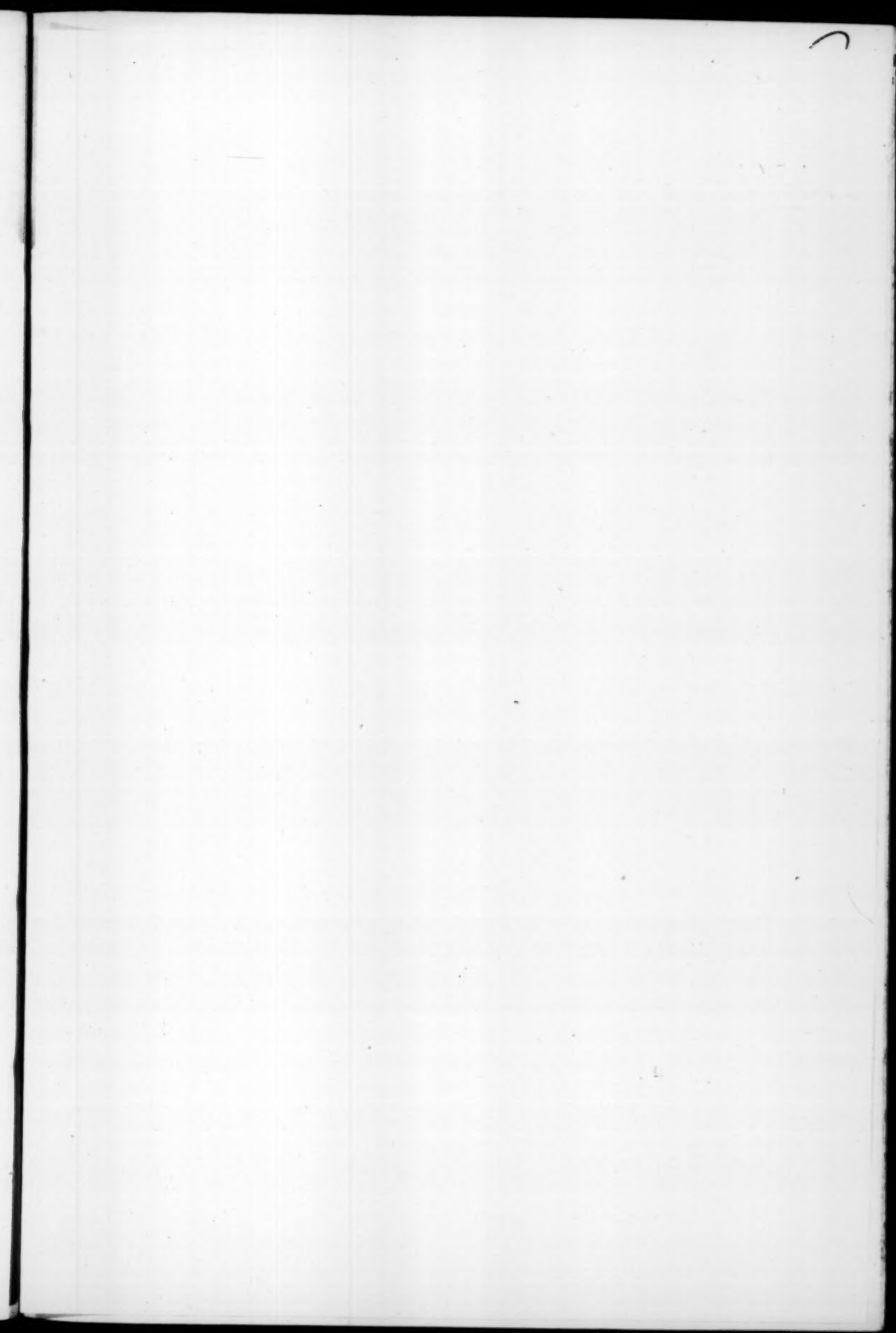
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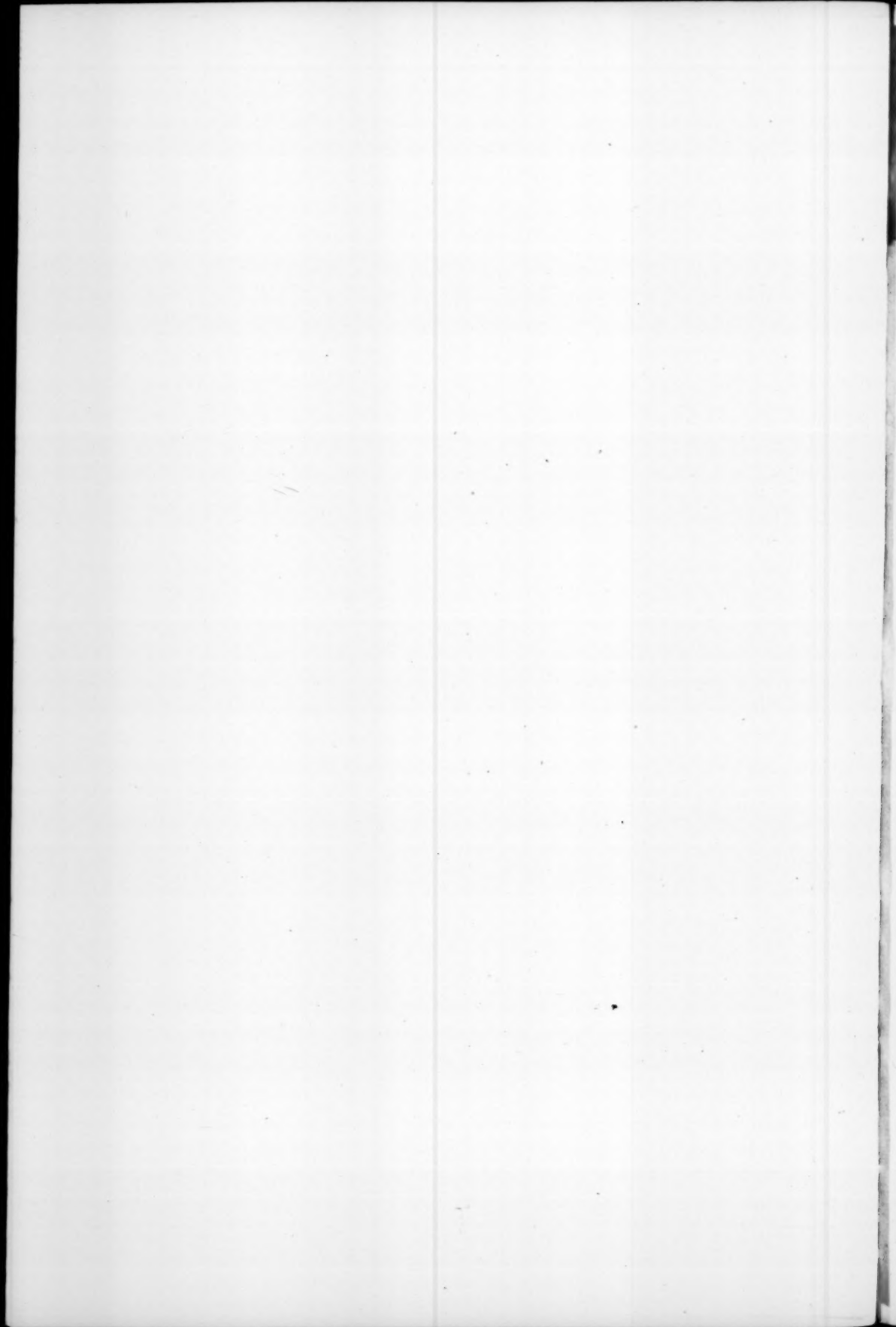
haue not bene paved with paving stones, and at this daye be verye noyous and in great ruine and decaye, shall be sufficiently made, repaired and amended, with grauell and other thinges; by suche owners and possessioners of houses, landes, tenementes, gardeynes, orchardes, cotages, curtilages, and other groundes and soyles as is aforesaid, set liyng and being in euery of the said lanes, befoze the said feast of saint Peter the aduincula, commonly called Lammas, aboue wyitten, vpon peyne of euery persone charged or chargeable or whiche ought to pauer the said wayes, stretes, or lanes by force of this act, to forsayte for euery yerde square, not paved befoze the saide feast of saynte Peter the aduincula, commonly called Lammas. xii. d. For euery poole of the saide lanes aboue named, not made nor amended with grauell, by the daie and feast aboue said, to forseyte. ii. s. and that at a euery person and persones, now hauing, or whiche hereafter shall haue any landes, tenementes, gardeynes, orchardes, cotages, curtilages, or other groundes or soyles, in fee simple, fee tayle, franke almoigne by diuine seruice, for terme of lyfe or otherwise, as is aboue sayde, adioynynge and lyng to and nexte the sayde highe wayes or highe stretes and lanes aboue named or any of them, their heires assignes and successours, after and from the saide feast, shall yereley suppozte, make, repaire and mainteine, all and euery the sayde pauementes ouer against his or their houses, landes, tenementes, gardeynes, orchardes, and other the premisses, as is aforesayde, from tyme to tyme, and at al times hereafter, as often and whan nede shall be, vpon peyne to forseyte for euery yerde square, not sufficiently paved, amended or repaired. vi. d. and for euery poll of the lanes called Jesus lane, the blacke friers lane, Harlestons lane, saint Gyles lane, to the ende of Newnam lane, and the lane leadinge from saint Johnshethe to the water syde, and all other backe lanes belonginge to the same towne, not sufficiently mainteyne repayed and kept with grauell. xii. d.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that the chauncellour, vicechancellour of the vniuersitie of Cambridge and their successours, or his or their deputie or deputies, the maire and bailiffes, or his or their deputie and deputies, and their successours, with foure assistantes, as they bothe thinke mete and conuenient, twoo of the vniuersitie, and twoo of the towne of Cambridge for the tyme being, shall haue at all tymes full power and auctorite by vertue of this acte, twyle in the yeare, at Easter, and Michaelmas, or within a moneth after the saide feastes, to make enquiry, and to call afoze them twelue men, as well of scholer seruantes, as other inhabitants indifferently chosen of euery warde within the towne of Cambridge, and liberties thereof, and shall sweare theim to make presentmente of all suche persone and persones, that from tyme to tyme as nede shall require, do not pauer such their parte and portion of the saide wayes, stretes and lanes befoze specified, ouer against their houses, landes, tenementes, groundes and soyles in the sayde towne, nor amende all the other sayde lanes within the sayde towne and liberties thereof, with grauell, accordinge to the purpoze and

and meaning of this acte. And also that the chauncellour vicechauncellour, or his or their deputie or deputies, the maire and bailifes, or his or their deputie or deputies, with foure assistances with them afore specified within the said vniuersitie and towne of Cambridge, for the time beinge, and their successours, shall haue full power and auctoritie, twice in the yeare, to set suche fines and amerциаementes of all and singular persone and persons, that hereafter be remisse and negligent in pauiding, amending and repairing the sayde highe waies, stretes and lanes, or any of them, according to this act, whiche be now paued and amended, or by force of this act, hereafter shall be paued and amended, as shall be seme and thought by their discretions conuenient & necessary. And the same fines and amerциаementes forfeited and assessed of scholers and scholers seruantes, and euery of them according to the composition betwixt the vniuersitie and the towne, to be gathered by the beail, and imploied and conuerted to the vse of the vniuersitie. And that the chamberleyn of the sayde towne of Cambridge, or els suche an officer, as the mayre than being, shall appoynte, shall leuy and gather suche penalties, fines and amerциаementes, forfeited and assessed of euery burgesse and forreyners, for euer within the sayde towne, or the precincte of the same, offendinge contrary to this acte, by distresse, or els by plainte or action; to be taken or commenced by the sayde chamberlaine, or els suche an officer, as the mayre shall appoynte, before the mayre and bailiffes of the sayd towne: And the money comming of the saide penalties, to be employed and conuerted to the vse of the saide towne.

¶ And it is further enacted, that if the sayde Chauncellour or vicechauncellour for the time being, or the mayre for the time being, of the sayde vniuersitie and towne of Cambridge, at any time at the daies appointed by this act, or within one moneth after the said feast of saint Peter the aduincula, commonly called Lammas, for the intent and purpose abouesayde, to be holden and kepte within the same towne, before the Chauncellours vicechauncellour, or his or their deputie or deputies, the mayre or his deputie, be negligent and remisse to charge by othe or othes, suche persones to finde and present the sayd defaultes and negligences of all persones, offendinge contrary to the true purporze and meaning of this act, than the sayde Chauncellour or vicechauncellour for the tyme beyng, or the mayre for the tyme beyng, at the sayde feastes of Easter and Michaelmas, or within a moneth after euery of them, so being negligent or remisse, or els after the sayde charge giuen, and presentment made by the saide. xii. men, they their deputies or assignes be remisse and negligente in leuyinge and executinge of the same, for affection, lucre or parcialtie, and do forbear to leuy the sayde amerциаementes, fines and penalties, so forfeited and founde, assessed wholly and truely of all person and persones within the sayde vniuersitie and towne of Cambridge, so offendinge contrary to this acte, in forbearing and not doyng the same, by the space of. vi. wekes after any one of the sayde feastes, to lose and forfeits for euery tyme so negligent. C. s. The one halfe to be to the vse of the kinges





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the kinges highnes; and the other halfe to the vse of the kinges subiectes; that wold sue for the same; in any of the kinges courtes, by byll, action, information or other wyse, wherin no waiger of the laboe, esoyne, or protection, shall lie for the defendaurt.

¶ And further be it enacted, that no persone or persones, exercising the handicrafte or occupation of pauinge within the sayde towne, shall take a-boue. i. d. q. for euery yerde square pauinge, or els to take for his dayes labour. vi. d. and finde him selfe: And if any persone or persons, blinge and exercising the sayde crafte of pauitour within the sayde towne, do or hereafter shall refuse or deny to worke for the wages aboue lymitted, then he or they so refusing, to incurre the penalties compysed in the statute of Winchester made for artificers and labourers, and in all thinges to be ordered and vsed, according to the purport and true meaning of the same.

¶ Provided alwaie, and be it also enacted, that if any the inhabitantes; or any other person or persons, be fermers or occupiers of any of the sayde houses, landes, tenementes & other groundes, within the said towne, paying the old and auncient customes to be payed yerely for the same, within. xx. yeres past, be compelled to paue and repayre the stretes and highe wayes before their houses tenementes and other groundes and soiles, by force of this act, that then euery such inhabitantes, or other person farmer or occupier therof, shall defalke abate & retaine in his owne hādes, as much of his rent or ferme due to his lessour, as he can proue to haue payde layde out and expended in and about the same pauinge and reparations, and the lessoure for so muche money as the same shal amounte vnto, to haue none action recntre or remedy for none payment of the same rent or ferme, onlesse it be other wise agreed betweene them, vpon the taking of suche lease by indenture or other wyse.

¶ An act concerning the examination of the Canon lawes by. xxxii. persones to be named by the kynges maiestie, during his highnes lyfe. Cap. xvi.

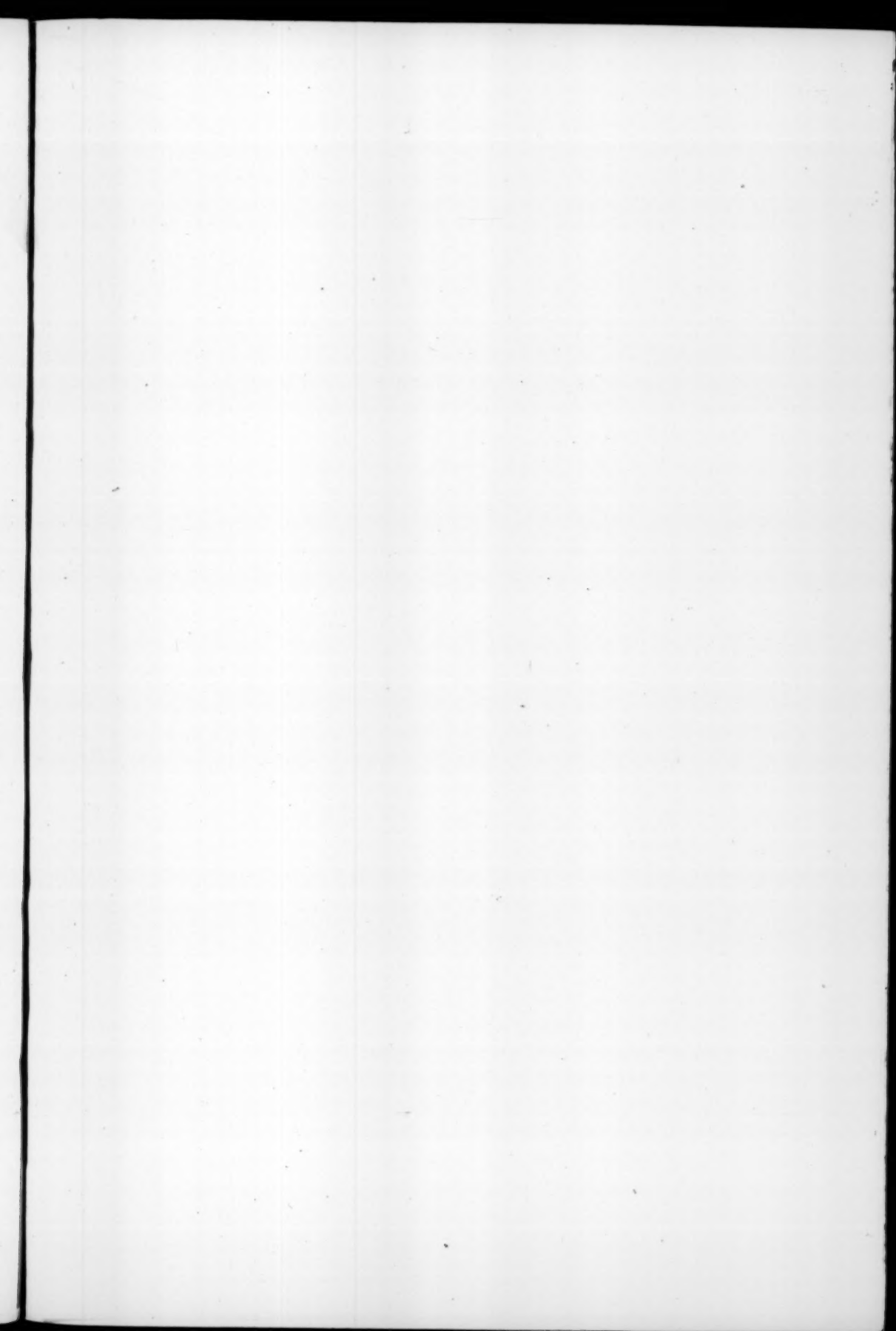


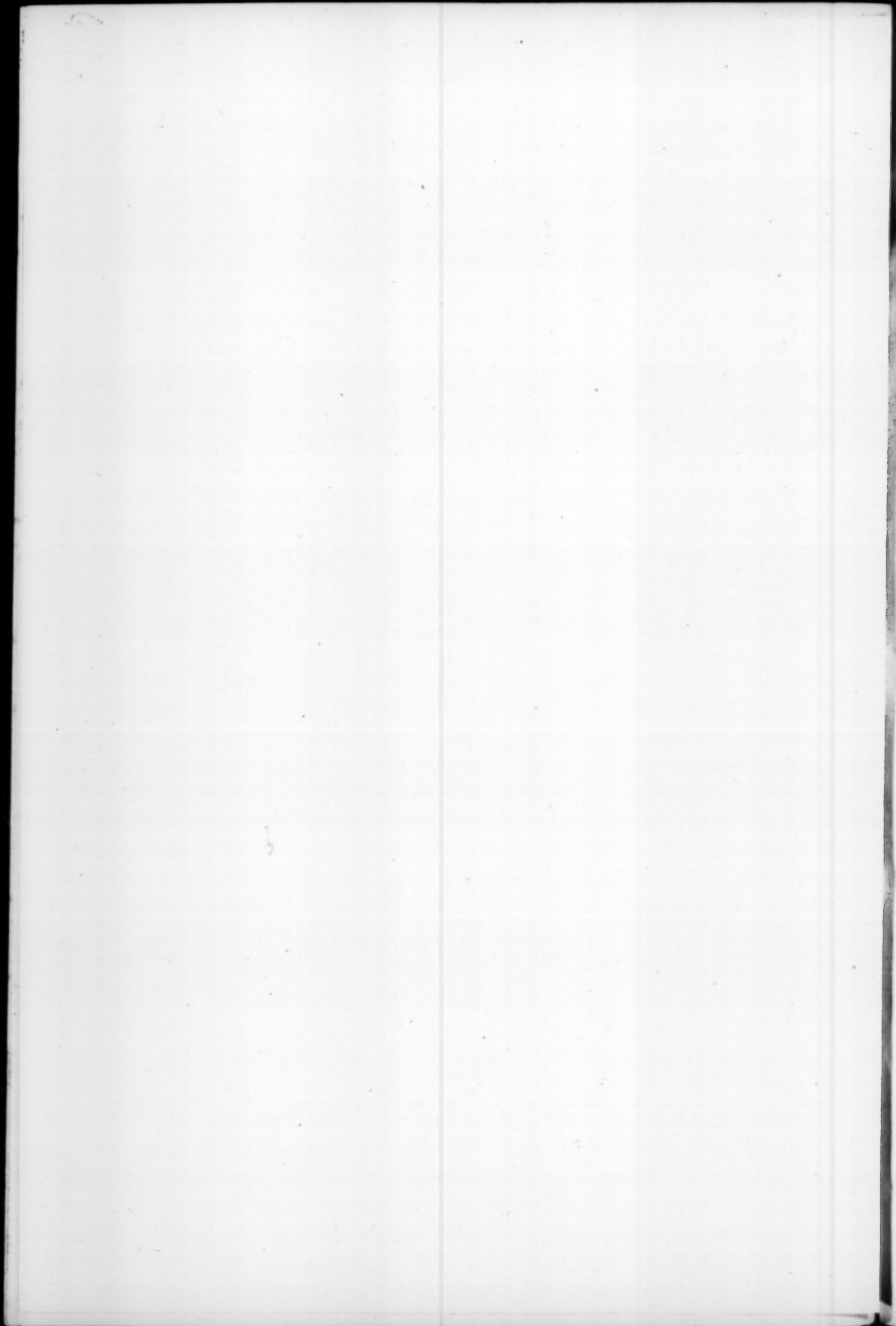
Here in the parliament holden at westminster, the fourthe daye of februarye, in the seuen and twenty yere of the reigne of oure moste dreade soveraigne lord kyng Henry the eight, it was enacted by the kynges hyghnes with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in the same parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the kings maiestie shuld haue ful power & auctoritie, as wel afore & after the dissolution of the said parliament at his libertie & pleasure, to name and assigne. xvi. persones of the clergy, and. xvi. lay persones of the temporalltie. And if any of the saide persones so named happened to decease, that than the kinges maiestie should haue power & auctoritie, to nominate and assigne from time to time, other in their places, to supply the number of the sayde. xxxii. persones, to viewe serche and examine the canons constitutions and ordinaunces prouinciall and synodall, mentioned and specified in the sayde

saide acte. And that the said. xxxii. persones, so to be nominated and appointed by his maiestie at all times from thenceforth for terme of thre yeres next after the dissolution of the saide parliament, should haue power and auctoritie to assemble them selues together from time to time, by the kinges commandement, for the due and perfecte execution of the saide acte, according to the intentes and true meaning of the same, as in the sayde acte plainly appeareth. Since the making of whiche acte diuers urgent and great causes and matters haue occurred and happened, whereby the sayde nomination and appointment of the sayde. xxxii. persones by the kinges highnes, haue bene omitted, whereby the sayde serche view and examination of the said canons constitutions, ordinaunces, prouinciall and synodall, haue not bene had as made according to the tenour purport and effecte of the same acte.

¶ Wherefore be it enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, any acte tofoze made to the contrary notwithstanding, that the kynes maiestie shall from henceforth from tyme to tyme during his highnes life (whiche our lord long preserve) haue power auctoritie and libertie, to nominate and assigne. xxi. persons of the clergy, and xxi. lay persones of the temporalitie, to peruse ouersee and examine all maner of canons constitutions ordinaunces prouinciall and synodall, and further to set in order and establishe all suche lawes ecclesiasticall, as shall be thought by the kynes maiestie and them conueniente to be vled and set forth within his realme and dominions, in all spirituall courtes and conuentions. And if after suche nomination, any of the sayde persones so to be nominated, happen to deceasse, that then the kynes sayde maiestie shall haue full power and auctoritie, to nominate and assigne from tyme to time, as is aforesaid, other in their places, to supply the number of the sayde. xxxii. persons. And that the sayd. xxxii. persons so to be nominated by his maiestie as is aforesayde, at all times from henceforth shall haue power and auctoritie to assemble them selues together from time to tyme by the kinges commandement, for the perfecte establisshement of the saide lawes, accordinge to the due intent and true meaning of this act, and of the prouisions therein, any acte to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that tyll such tyme as the kynes maiestie, and the sayde. xxxii. persones haue accomplished and executed the effectes and contentes, afore rehered and mentioned, that suche canons constitutions ordinaunces synodal or prouinciall or other ecclesiasticall lawes or iurisdicions spirituall, as be yet accustomed and vled here in the church of Englande, whiche necessarye and conuenientlye are requysite to be putte in vye and execution for the tyme, not beinge repugnant contrariante or derogatory to the lawes or statutes of the realme, nor to the prerogatiues of the regal crowne of the same or any of them, shall be occupied exercised and put in vye for the time within this or any other the kynes maiesties dominions. And that the ministers and due executours
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of them, shall not incurre any damage or daungier for the due exercysinge of the foresaide lawes, so that by no colour or pretence of them or any of them, the minister put in by any thing prejudiciall or in contrary of the regall power or lawes of the realme, any thinge what so euer to the contrary of this present acte not withstanding.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that suche lawes and ordinaunces ecclesiasticall, as shall be deuised and made by the kinges maiestie and .xxxii. persones afoze mentioned by vertue of this presente acte, shall after they be made establisshed and declared by the kinges maiesties proclamation vnder his highnes great seale, be onely taken, reputed and vled, for the kinges lawes ecclesiasticall of this realme, any acte to the contrary of this statute not withstanding.

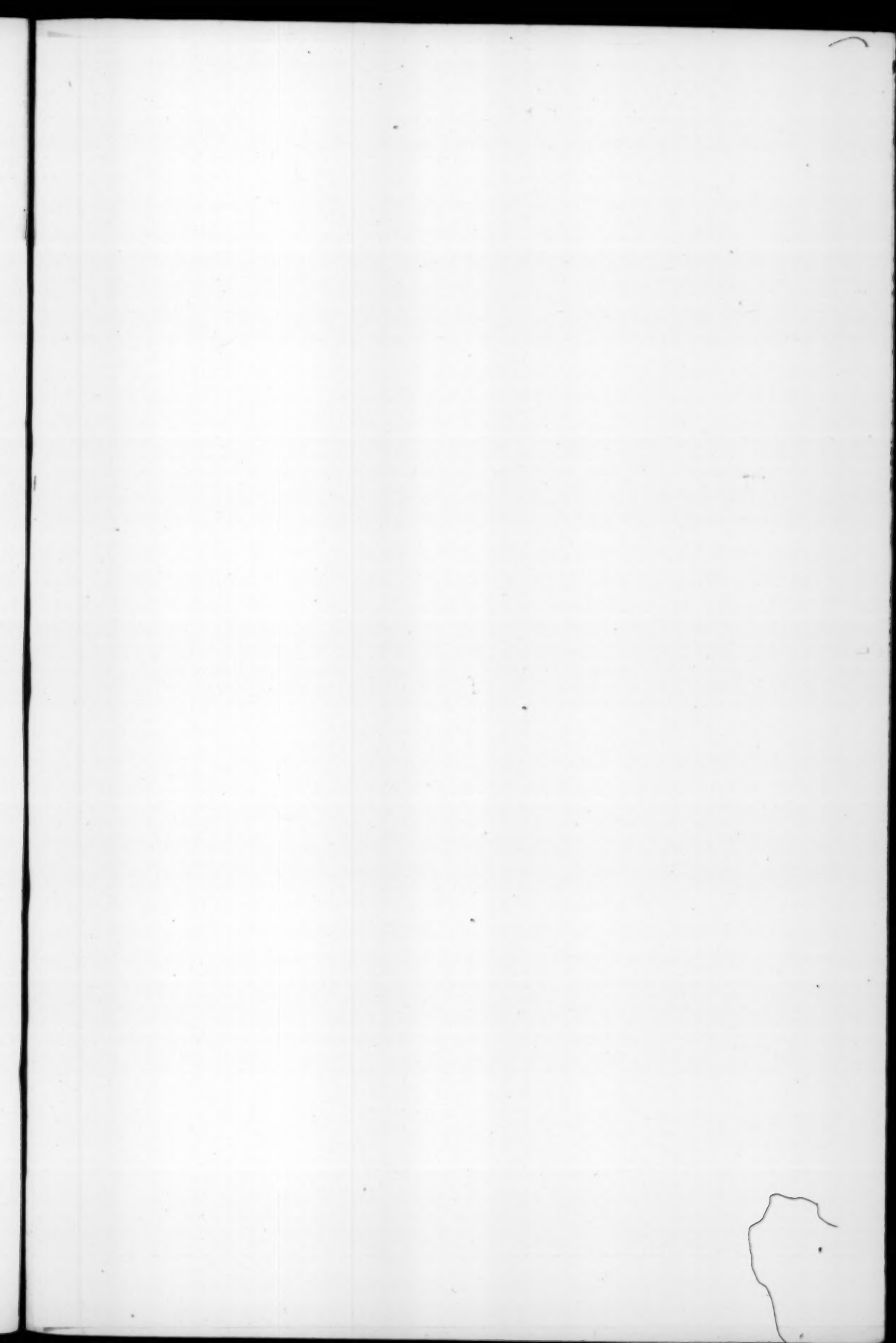
¶ An acte for the preservation of woodes. Cap. xvij.

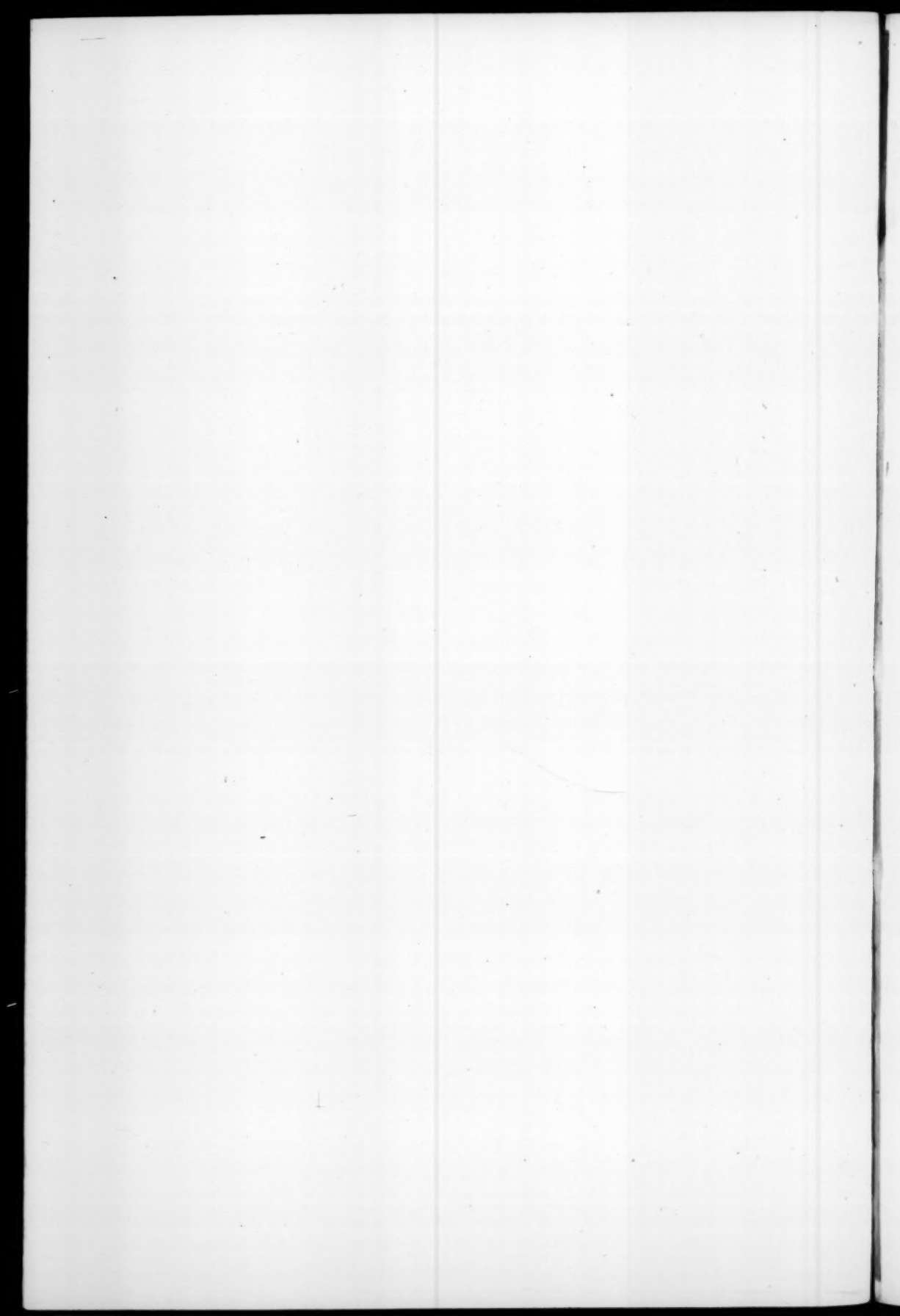


He kyng our soueraigne Lorde, perceiuing and right well knowyng the great decaye of tymber and woodes vniuersally within this his realme of England, to be such, that onlesse speedy remedy in that behalfe be prouided, there is great and manifest likelihode of scarcitie and lacke, as wel of timber for building, making, repairing, and mainteining of houses and shippes, as also for fetuel and firewood, for the necessary reliefe of the whole comynaltie of this his laide realme, toherfore be it ordeined & enacted by his highnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual & temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that in and vpon all and singuler seuerall woodes, commonly called copies, woodes or vnder woodes, which fro or after the feast of saint Michael the archaungell, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord God. M.D. XLIIII. shall be felled at fourtene peres growng or vnder, there shalbe leste standing and vnfelled, for euery acre of woode that shall be felled within the sayde copies, twelue standilles or stozers of oke, and if there be not so many standilles or stozers of oke, that then there shall be leste so manye other kynde, that is to saye, of Elme, Ashe, Alpe, or Beche, as shall make vp the sayde numbze of xii. standilles or stozers, lykelye to proue and to be tymber trees, the same standilles or stozers, to be of suche standilles or stozers, as haue ben left there standing at any the felling of the same copies, woodes, or vnder woodes in tyme past. And in case there be no suche standilles or stozers there standing, whiche were there leste at the laste felling of the same copies or vnderwoodes, than the same standilles or stozers there to be leste, shall be leste at this nowte nerte fellinge of the sayde copies, woodes, or vnderwoodes, of suche moste likeliest okes: and if there be not sufficient of okes, then of the moste likeliest elmes, ashe, alpe, or beche, to proue and to be tymber trees, as shall growe within any suche seuerall woodes copies or vnderwoodes, and that the same standilles or stozers so left, shalbe preserued and not felled or cutte downe, tyll they and euery of them shall be of. i. inches square within three foote

Roote of the grounde, byon payne that euery owner of euery suche standilles and stozers, hauinge an estate of inheritauce, or an estate for terme of lyfe of frehold or by coppe of court rolle, or for yeares in the grounde or soile, where the same standilles or stozers shall growe, causing or commaunding any suche coppies, woodes, or vnder woodes, to be selled or cut downe, and not leauing the sayd standilles or stozers there standing in forme aforesayd, to lose and forsayte for euery standill and stozet so not leste standinge in the said coppies, woodes, or vnder woodes. iii. s. iiii. d. And vpon paine that euery owner, as is aforesaid, of any suche coppies, woodes, or vnder woodes, causing or commaunding any of the said standilles or stozers so left, as is aboue saide, to be cut downe contrary to the forme of this act, to forseyte and lose for euery of the sayde standilles or stozers, whiche shalbe cut down, three. s. & foure. d. the one halfe of whiche saide forsaiture to be to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe to be to the partie that will sue for the same in any court of recorde, by action of debte, byll, playnt, or information, in the whiche action, bill, plante, and information, no protection, wager of lawe, nor essoyne, shall be admitted or allowed.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all and singular coppies and vnder woodes, whiche after the saide feast of saint Michell the archangell, shall happen to be selled or cutte downe, at the age of. xiiii. yeares growethe or vnder, and not being aboue the said age, from and after the twenty daye of April, next after the selling thereof, during the terme of foure yeares then next ensaing, shall be sufficiently enclosed, or the springes thereof other wise saued and preserued from destruction by anye maner of cattell or beastes by him or them, whiche then shall haue lawfull interest and possession in the saide woodes, coppies, or vnder woodes, as is aforesayde, bypon payne of euery person or persones so bounden, to enclose, fence, saue or preserue, the sayde coppies or vnder woodes, to forsayte and lose for euery roode thereof so not enclosed, fenced, saued, or preserued, during the said foure yeares. iii. s. iiii. d. for euery moneth that the same coppies or vnder woodes, shall happen to lye or be vncloused, not fenced, saued, or preserued, as is aforesayde. And that all and singular coppies or vnder woodes, whiche after the sayde feast of sainte Michell the archaungell, shall happen to be selled or cut downe, being aboue the age of. xiiii. yeares growthe, and not aboue the age of. xiiii. yeres grouthe, from the. xx. day of April next after the selling or cutting downe therof, during the terme of. vi. yeares next ensuing the same. xx. day of April, shall be sufficiently inclosed, or the springes thereof other wise saued and preserued from the distruction thereof by any maner of cattell or beastes, by and at the costes of suche, whiche then shall haue lawfull interest and possession in the sayde woodes or coppies, as is beforesayde, byon payne of euery persone or persones so bounden to enclose, fence, saue, or preserue the sayde coppies or vnder woodes, as is aforesaid, to forsaite and lose for euery roode, so not enclosed, fenced, saued, or preserued, during the sayde. vi. yeares. iii. s. iiii. d. for euery moneth that the same coppies or vnder woodes shall happen





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happen to lye or be vnclosed, and not fenced sauēd or preserued as is afore-
sayde.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no persone or persons, after the sayd feast of saynt Michael tharchangell, shall conuerthe or tourne into pasture or tillage, any such coppies or vnderwoodes containing in quantitie twoo acres or aboue, whiche nowe be woode or vnderwoode, and put or refered to the vse or encrease of woode or vnderwood, and being twoo furlong distant from the house of the owner thereof, or from the house wherunto the sayd woode doth lye, appertayne or belonge, vppon payne to forfeite and lose for euery acre of woode, so to be conuerted or tourned from woode into pasture or tillage. xl. s.

¶ Provided alwaye, that this act shall not extende to any coppies, woodes or vnderwoodes, distroied or tourned into tillage or pasture, within. xx. yeres laste past, although the more parte or any part thereof be nowe ouergrowen with bushes or vnderwood.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery person and persons, bodieys politike and corporate, whiche haue or hereafter shall haue any seuerall woodes or coppies growing and set with great trees being aboue the age of. xliii. yeres groweth, shall at the felling or wedynge therof, leaue standing within the precinct of the sayd woode and coppies, for euery acre so felled. xii. trees of oke of the same such greates trees: if there be so many trees of oke there to be lefte, and for lacke of okes, then to leaue for euery acre so felled, as many other trees of elme, ashe, beech or aspe, as shall make the full number of twelue of suche as shall be there then growing, the same trees there so lefte to stande continue and to be preserued by suche owner or owners as is abouesayde, during the space of. xx. yeres next after suche felling of the same woodes. And also shall from the. xx. daye of Aprill, nexte after the felling therof, during the terme of. vii. yeres then next folowing, sufficiently enclose them, or the springes thereof otherwise saue and preserue from the destruction thereof by any maner of cattell or beastes, vppon payne that euery suche persone or persones, or bodieys politike or corporate, being owners of the sayde great woodes, as is afore sayde, to forfeite and lose for euery such great tree of the saide number lackynge, and not lefte so standing in the sayde woode as is abouesayde. vi. s. viii. d. and vppon payne that euery owner of the ground or soile, whereupon suche great trees as is afore sayde, shall be lefte standing or growing, causing or comaunding any of the sayde great trees, there so lefte standing as is afore said, to be cut downe contrarye to the fourme of this acte, to forfeite and lose for euery of the same great trees so lefte, whiche shall be so cut downe as is afore sayde. vi. s. viii. d. And vppon payne also to lose and forfeite for euery roode of suche greates wood, so not enclosed, fenced, sauēd or preserued, during the sayd space of. vii. yeres, for euery moneth. iii. s. iii. d.

¶ Provided alwaye, that it shall be lawefull to euery owner or owners of any of the sayde coppies, woodes, vnderwoodes, standilles or stoyers, greates

woodes and trees afore rehearsed, to sell, cut down, and take any of the same for building, repairing, enclosing and maintaining of houses, orchardes and gardens, and euery of them, and for paking, raying, or enclosing of parkes, forestes, chases or other groundes, & for making or repairing of water workes, dampes, briges, fludgates, making, repairing, or amending of whippes & all other vessels, and for all other thinges concerning their owne uses or affaires, in suche like maner and fourme as he or they should or might lawfully haue done before the making of this acte, any thing in this present acte before mentioned to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctoritie afore saide, that it shall not be lawfull to any persone or persones, whiche after the sayde feast of saint Michael, shall haue any woodes, or vnderwoodes, wherein any other person or persones iustly hath or haue vled tyme out of mans remembraunce, to haue common of pasture, to sell or cut down the sayd woodes and vnderwoodes, there growing or beinge, or that shall growe or be in any suche woodes or vnderwoodes, excepte it be to his owne vse and occupation, vntill such tyme as the fourth parte of suche woodes, vnderwoodes or groundes, where the sayde woodes nowe growe, or as muche as the fourth parte of the sayde grounde or soyle, whereupon suche woode is or shalbe and growyng, shal amounte vnto, shall be by the lord and owner for that tyme beinge, of the sayd grounde or soyle, deuyled, set out, meted, bounded, fenced and enclosed in maner and fourme as by this acte hereafter shall be declared, ordeyned and prouyded: that is to say, the sayde lord, that then shall be owner of the sayde grounde or soyle, shall call together the tenants and inhabitants beinge commoners in the sayd grounde or soyle, or the moze part of them, and vpon the assemble or meeting of the sayd Lord tenants and inhabitants or the moze part of them, the sayde Lord owner, by the assente consent and agreemente of the sayde tenants and inhabitants, or of the moze parte of them, shall seuer, deuide, set out, meete and bound the fourth part of the sayd woodes and vnderwoodes, or so much thereof as shal amounte to the full fourth parte thereof. And if the sayde lord and the sayde tenants and inhabitants, or the moze part of them, can not, wil not, or do not assent, consent, and agree, for, or vpon the seuering, deuiding, setting out, meting, and boundinge of the sayde fourth parte of the said woodes and vnderwoodes, or of as much thereof, as shal amount to the full fourth part thereof, that then two iustices of the peace, not being of the kin, alliance, counsaile, or fee, of or to the sayd Lord or owner, being therunto appointed by the moze number of iustices of the peace of the shyre, where the sayd ground or soyle lyeth in their open quarter sessions, vppon request and suite made vnto them by the lord or owner, or by his or their lawfull deputye or deputies of the sayd woodes vnderwoodes, groundes or soyle, shall haue full power and auctorite to call before them, vppon such paynes and penalties, as the sayde iustices shall limite and appointe, suche xii. of the sayde Comoners and inhabitants, nyghe vnto the same woodes or vnderwoodes, as by the discretion of the sayd

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saide two iustices shalbe thought mete and conuenient. And vppon or after the apparaunce of the same lordes, owners, commoners and inhabitauntes, or the more parte of them, the same iustices shal open and declare vnto the same lord, owner, commoners and inhabitauntes, the cause of their assemble and apparaunce: and that done, shall by the aduised and assent of the said lord, owners, commoners and inhabitauntes, or their lawefull deputie or deputies, or of the more parte of theym, effectually procede to the seuerynge, deuiding, meating and bounding of the sayde fourth parte of the sayde woodes and vnderwoodes, or of so muche thereof, as shall amount to the fourth parte thereof. And if the same iustices, owners, commoners and inhabitauntes, or the more parte of them, can not or wyl not agree vppon the diuision bounding or setting out of the saide fourth parte thereof, as is aforesayde: that than the sayde iustices shall haue full power and auctoritie by this act, to seuer, deuide and set out by mete and bounde, the fourth parte of the said woodes and vnderwoodes, or so muche thereof vnder the same fourth part of the saide woodes and vnderwoodes, as shal by the discretions and wisdomes of the saide iustices, be thought necessary and requisite to limit and set out: And within the moneth nexte after such seuerance and setting forth thereof, the owner or owners of the same woodes or vnderwoodes, in forme aforesaid declared, shall sufficientlie inclose the same parte of the sayde grounde or soyle, so set forth as is aforesaid, and after suche enclosure made, the sayde owner of the sayde woodes or vnderwoodes, may at his libertie and pleasure, fell cut downe, and take the said woodes and vnderwoodes, bring or that shalbe in or vpon the sayde coppies, woodes, vnderwoodes, grounde or soyle so set forth, or any part thereof.

¶ Wherbynto alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that there shalbe lefte standing and vnfelld in and vpon the sayde parte of euery the same woodes or vnderwoodes, ground or soyle, so seuered, bounded & set out distinctly in maner and fourme as is aforesayd, at euery selling thereof, suche and like number of standis or stumps of young oaks or other younge trees of elme, ashe, aspe, or beech, if it be coppies or vnderwoodes, which shal be so felld or cutte downe. And if the woodes, that shal be felld, shalbe great trees or great woodes, then suche numbre shal be lefte standinge of great trees, in or vpon the sayde parte to all intentes constructions and purposes, and vpon like & the same penalties as is before limited and appointed for not leauing reseruing & preseruing of standis and stumps aboue appointed to be left standing in seuerall woodes and groundes. And that the sayde parte or parcell so seuered, bounden and set out in maner and fourme aforesaid, after euery selling or cutting downe of the coppies, woodes or vnderwoodes for the time being in or vpon the same, by the auctoritie of this act, shalbe sufficientlie enclosed and fenced; and the enclosure thereof sufficientlie and continually kepte, made, repaired, preserued, and mainteyned by the space of. vii. yeares next after euery selling thereof, in like maner and fourme to all intentes and purposes, and vpon the same and like peines and penalties as

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ties as is before limited, reherfed and appointed, for the not closynge or fensynge, and for the not keeping, maintayning, repaying and preseruing of the sayd seuerall coppies vnder woodes and woodes. And also that the standils, Roiers and great trees limited and appointed to be left standinge in, or vpon the sayde parte, shalbe there left standinge, preserued and not cut downe in suche lyke maner and fourme, and by all suche tyme, and vpon suche like penalties to all intentes and purposes, as is afore limited, appointed, and declared for the preseruation and not felling of the said standils, Roiers, and great trees limited and appointed to be left in, and vpon the sayde seuerall coppies, vnder woodes and woodes. And that after the said felling of h sayd coppies, vnder woodes and woodes, standing growng, or being, or that shal stande, growe, or be in any such part of any the sayde woodes, groundes or places as is before declared, no beastes or cattell, duringe the space of vii. yeares nerte after the felling of the same woodes shal willinglye, by anye personne or persons, be put in, or shalbe suffered to feede, or to continue in anye parcell of any such parte so set forth as is aforesaid, duringe the sayde terme of vii. yeres next after the felling therof, vpon payne of forfayture and penaltye of iiii. d. for the putting in of euery beast, or wilful suffring of euery beast or cattell to be put into any of h sayd seuerall copys, vnder woodes or woodes.

¶ And if it shal happen anye personne or persons beinge owner or owners of any such woodes, vnder woodes or coppies, set, lying, and beinge in anye wast ground as is aforesaid to cut downe any trees or vnder woodes, contrary to the forme aforesayde: that then euery person or persons owner or owners, so offending contrary to this acte, shal lose and forfeit for euery tree so cut downe vi. s. viii. d. the one halfe of all the said forfaytures to be to oure soueraigne lord the king, and the other moytie to such person that wil sew for the same by bill, plaint, action of det, or information in any of the kinges courtres of recorde, in which sute no protection, wager of law, or essoyne shal be allowed nor admitted.

¶ Provided alwaie and be it enacted by the authorite aforesayde, that for as much as the sayd tenants, commoners and inhabitantes, shalbe by auctorite of this acte excluded of their commune in the sayd part so to be seuered and set forth as is aforesaid, by al the sayd space and terme of vii. yeares next after the felling or cutting downe of the sayd coppies, woodes and vnder woodes, that shal growe in or vpon the same part from time to time, that in recompence thereof the same commoners, tenants & inhabitantes shal and may use, take, and haue theyr comune for their cattell, wythin h residue of the said woodes, vnder woodes, ground & soyle, not being inclosed, in maner and forme as if this acte had neuer bene had ne made. And that the lord beinge owner of the sayd grounde or soyle, shalbe by the auctorite of this acte excluded and forclosed, to put or haue anye cattell or beastes in or vpon the same residue, or to take anye profit of the pasture in or vpon the sayd residue, during and by all the sayd terme and time of vii. yeres next after the felling or cutting downe of the sayde coppies, woodes, or vnder woodes, beinge or growing

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growyng, or that shalbe, or growe in or vpon the sayde parte, which shalbe so seuered, deuided, let out, bounded and inclosed, as is aforesayde. And that from and after the sayd vii. yeares expyred and ended, vntil the next sellinge or cutting downe of the sayd coppes, woodes or vnderwoodes, being vpon the sayd part, being so seuered & deuided as is aforesaid, aswel the same part as the sayd residue of the sayd ground & soile, shal lye & be vsed in commune, and the pasture and other profites thereof, shal and may be vsed and taken, aswell by the lordes bring o'wner of the said grounde or soyle, as by the sayd tenants, commeners and inhabitantes, in like maner, forme and condition, as it should or ought to haue bene before the making of this act, & as if this acte had neuer bene had or made: any thing in this acte contayned to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

¶ Provided also that it shalbe lawfull to euerye person and persons to sell and to enclose all theyr coppes woodes and vnderwoodes in anye waste ground, which before the making of this acte haue bene vsed to be enclosed preserued and kept for the maintenance of wood & vnderwood, anye thinge in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And whereas peraduenture the Lord or owners of the foresayd woodes and vnderwoodes, after that they haue enclosed and fenced the fourth part thereof, or as much of the same as shalbe to them limited and assigned by the sayd Iustices of peace or commoners, wil not, nor do not sel the same woodes and vnderwoodes so enclosed or to be enclosed, but suffer the same to stand and grow, whereby the commoners, who ought to haue theyr comune of pasture wpythin the same part so enclosed, shal lose and be put from theyr sayd comune therein: Be it therefore enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, & if the same part of wood and vnderwood so enclosed, be not selled wpythin iiii. monethes nexte after the enclosing thereof: That then and so longe as the same woodes shal not be selled, it shalbe lawfull to the sayde commoners, to put their cattel into the same wood and ground so enclosed, and that the owner thereof shal leaue open conuenient places, wpythin the same enclosure, wherby the commoners beastes may haue accesse & come into the same wood so enclosed, and there to pasture and fede, as longe as the same woode shal stand and be vn selled, any thing contayned in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that this acte ne any thyng therein conteyned or expessed, extende or be prejudiciall to any of the lordes or owners of the woodes, vnderwoodes or woodlandes, growyng or beinge wpythin any of the townes parishes or places comunallye called or known to be wpythin the weldes of the countres of Kent, Surrey, and Sussex, or of any of them, other then to onely the comun woode growyng & being wpythin any of the sayd weldes, of the sayd countres of Kent, Surrey, and Sussex: any thing in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alwayes that this present acte or any thing therein contayned, shal

shall not extende or be prejudiciall or hurtfull, or extende to charge any person or persones, whiche before the feaste of saint Michael the archaungell, in the xxxiii. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord king Henry the. viii. haue bargayned and boughte woodes or great trees, growyng in any the same woodes, for or concerning the felling or cutting downe of the same woodes or trees, or not leauynge of any standilles or stokers of and in the same, according to the tenour of this present acte: any thing penaltie or forscytur in this present acte contened to the contrary thereof not withstanding.

¶ Provided alway, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this acte or anye thinge therein contened, shall not extende to charge any person or persones, with any penaltie or penalties contened in this present acte, for or concerning any tymber trees, growing within two miles of the sea, in the county of Cornwal, or any other timber trees within the realme, being leare and dead in the toppes, or anye timber trees to be taken by vertue of the kynges highnes commission within the realme, or for or concerning any offence done contrary to the tenour of this acte: onlesse the same persone or persons offending this acte, be sued for the same within one yere next after the same offence committed or done: any thing in this acte contened to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ Provided alwayes and be it further enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that if any persone or persones do breake or destroy any severall fences or hedges, made or to be made for the sauing of the same woodes, vnderwoodes, groffes or foyles, that euery persone so offending shall forseypte and lose for euery suche offence. r.s.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any person or persons suffer his swine, being of the age of ten weekes or aboue, during such yeares as the said woodes be appointed and ordeined by this act to be enclosed, at any time after the first day of August next comming, to go or runne in any common or severall ground or woodes, onlesse the same swyne be sufficiently ringed or pegged: that then the owner or owners of euery suche swyne shall forseyte and lose for euery suche his swyne, that shall so go or runne in any the sayde groundes, woodes, or vnderwoodes: and not being sufficiently ringed or pegged as is aforesaid, from and after the sayde first day of August next comyng iiii d. the one half of al & euery the said forsaiture, if it be in any of the kynges woodes or groundes, to be to his highnes, and the other to the finder thereof. and if it be within any other persone or persones sayde groundes, woodes or vnderwoodes, then the one halfe of all and euery the same forseyitures to be to the owners of the foyle, and the other part thereof to be to him that will sue for the same by bill, plaint, action, information, or otherwyse in any court of recorde, whererin no waiget of lawe, esoyne or protection shall be allowed nor amitted.

¶ Provided alwaye, that where any woodes or vnderwoodes, shall after the saide feast of saint Michael the archaungel, be felled or cut downe in any park or ground inclosed, whererein any deer shall be then kepte, that the owner

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ner or owners, possessor or possessors of suche parke and parkes or groundes inclosed for here, to be chargeable for the enclosure and preservation of the same, as is aforesaid, but onely for the space of iiii. yerres after any such tyme of felling or cutting downe of the same coppies, woodes or vnderwoodes, and not aboue: anye thing contayned in this acte to the contrary thereof in any wyse not withstanding.

C Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that if the enclosure or enclosures of anye of the sayde coppies, woodes, vnderwoodes or groundes, happen to be broken or pulled downe by anye personne or personnes against the willes and mindes of the owner or owners, possessor or possessors of the same woodes or vnderwoodes, wherby cattel or beastes escape into the same woodes, groundes, or vnderwoodes, and by stroke or hurte the spryng thereof, or if the same woodes, groundes, or vnderwoodes be by any meanes destroyed, hurted, or hindred, by any maner of person or persons, or by the cattell or beastes of any person or persons wythoute the assents, minds, and wylls of such owner or owners, possessor or possessors: that then and in euery such case the sayd penaltyes contayned in this acte, to be extended vpon the same person or persons, in or by whose defeaute the same spryng, wood, or vnderwood shalbe so destroyed, hurted or hindred, and not vpon the owner or owners, possessor or possessors of the sayde woodes, groundes, or vnderwoodes, any thing contained in this acte to the contrary thereof in any wyse not withstanding.

C Provided also and be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that it shall and may be lawfull to euery owner and owners, possessor and possessors, theyr fermours and assignes of al and singular the sayd woods, vnderwoodes, groundes and coppies, after such tyme as the same woods, vnderwoodes, groundes, and coppies, haue bene fensed and inclosed, or the spryng therof other wyse preserved by the space of two yeares next after the felling thereof, to put coltes and calves, beinge vnder the age of one yeare, into the sayd woodes, vnderwoodes, groundes and coppies, any thing contayned in this acte to the contrary thereof in any wyse not withstanding.

And this present acte and actes to endure onely by the space of vii. yeares next after the sayd feast of S. Michell tharchangell: and from thence vntill the ende of the next Parlyament.

Thomas Berthelet regius impressor excudebat,

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An Acte concerning the kynges generall pardon.

Capit. xviij.



He kynges moste royall maiestie, prudentlye consyderynge, that albeithys hyghnes of hys most excellent pitie benignitie and mercy, manysolde tymes heretofore mercifully and liberally hath graunted hys most free and generall pardon to all and synguler hys subiectes, by the whyche hys maiestie hath remitted and released innumerable and inestimable substance and profyttes, which he mought haue lawfully had and taken by the lawes and customes of this his realme, trustinge by his often remission pardon and mercy ministred to his subiectes, to allure offendours from vice to vertue, and that they wold put theyr diligent deuoyrs, to amend and resourme theyr abuses: yet neuer thelesse his louinge and obedient subiectes, sithens his laste most gracious and lyberall pardon to them graunted, haue incurred into innumerable penalties losses forseyntures and damages, wherof none or fewe of them are able to make ful recompence or condigne satisfaction to this hyghnes, if his maiestie shuld procede agaynst them by due course of his lawes, trustyng that now from hensforth they wyl eftesones amend and beware the incurring of the foresayde dangiers and perilles, seynge they haue had so many admonitions and gentle warnynges, and perceyupng also the great seale and affection, whyche hys louing subiectes beare vnto hym and his dignitie royall, as by many waies in this present parliament they haue declared and shewed. In consideration wherof, and trusting as afore, the kynges hyghnes to shewe vnto his louynge subiectes, that he bothe can and will consider whan he is both kindly and louingly handled of them, vpon his mere motion, and to declare also his tender loue and affection, which he beareth vntoo his nobilitie and subiectes, accordyng to his accustomed goodnes, is contented and pleased at this time to extende his pitie mercy and benignitie to al and singular his subiectes of this his realme of Englad, wales, the pyles of Jernsey and Garnsey Berwike and Calers and the marches of the same, by waye of his free pardon and remission, as hereafter foloweth, rather coueting their amendmentes by gentle and mercifull meanes, than to be enriched by theyr euyl Deedes and offences. And for that his said free pardon to be had take and enioyed to and by them and euery of them, by vertue of this present act, his grace is fully and resolutely contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, in maner and fourme folowynge, that is to saye: That al and euery of his said subiectes as well spiritual as temporal of this his realme of Englande, wales, the sayde pyles of Jernsey and Garnsey, Berwike and Calers and the marches of the same, the heyres successours executors and administratours of them and euerye of them, and all and syngular bodyes in any maner of wyse cōporate, cities, boroughes, shires, ridinges, hundredes lathes

lathes, rapes, wapentakes, to wnes, villages, and tythinges and euery of them, and the successour and successours of euery of them, shalbe by auctorite of this presente parliament acquitted, pardoned, released, and discharged against the kinges highnes, his heires, successours, executors, and euery of them, of all maner treasons, felonies, robberies, offences, contemptes, trespasses, wronges, disceites, misdemeanours, forfeitures, penalties and profits, summes of money, peines of death, peynes corporall and pecuniarie, and generally of all other thinges, causes, quarels, suites, iudgements and executions, in this presente acte hereafter not excepted nor forpyled, which may be or can be by his highnes in any wyse or by anye meane pardoned before, and vnto the xiiii. daye of January, in the xxxv. yere of his most gracious reigne, to euery or any of his said subiectes, bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, shires, ridings, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, to wnes, villages and tythinges or any of them.

¶ And also the kynges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctorite of this presente parliamente, that his saide free pardon shalbe as good and effectual in the lawe to euery of his said subiectes, bodies corporate and other before reherled, and to euery of them, by the said generall wordes before reherled, in and against all thinges which be not hereafter in this present acte excepted, as the same pardon shoulde haue bene of al offences, contemptes, forfeitures, causes, matters, suites, quarrelles, iudgements, executions, penalties, and all other thinges not hereafter excepted, had bene particularlye, singularlye, speciallye and plainlye, named, reherled and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes and names in their kinds, natures and qualites by wordes & termes thereunto requisite, to haue bene put and expresse in this presente acte of free pardon. And that his sayde subiectes, nor anye of theym or the heires executors and administratours of any of them, nor any of the sayd bodies corporate, and others before named or any of them, be or shalbe sued, bered, or inquieted in their bodies, goodes, landes, or cattelles, for any maner matter cause, contempte, misdemeanour, forfeiture trespass, offence, or any other thing suffred done or committed before the said. xiiii. day of January, against his highnes, his crowne, dignitie, prerogative, lawe or statutes, but onlye for such matters, causes, and offences, as be plainlye reherled in the exceptions in this presente acte hereafter mentioned, and for none other, anye statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vses, or president hereafter had, made, or vsed to the contrary in any wise notwithstandinge.

Also the kynges highnes of hys bounteous liberalite, by auctorite of this present parliamente, graunteth and freely gyueth to euerye of his sayde subiectes and to euerye of the sayde bodies corporate and other before reherled and to euery of them, all such forfeitures and summes of money by any of them forfayted, which to his highnes do or should belong or appertain by reason of any offence, contempte, trespass misdemeanour, matter cause or quarrell, suffered, done or committed by them or any of them, before the sayd. xiiii.

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daye of Januarie, which be not hereafter plainlie forgiuen or excepted in this present acte. And all and euery the kynges sayde subiectes, and all and singular bodyes corporate and other before reherſed, maye by hym or theym ſelues, or his or theyr Deputy or deputies, or by his or theyr attorneye or attorneyes, accordinge to the lawes of this realme, pleade and miniſter this preſente acte of free pardon, for his or their diſcharge of and for euery thinge that is by vertue of this preſent acte pardoned, diſcharged giuen or graunted, wythout any fee or other thing in any wyſe payinge to anye perſon or perſons for wytyng or entre of the iudgemente or other cauſe concerninge ſuch plea, wytyng or entre, but onely xii. d. to be payde to the officer or clerke that ſhall enter the plea, matter or iudgemente, for the parties diſcharge in þ behalfe: any ſtatute or vſe to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And furthermore the kinges highnes is contented and pleaſed, that it be enacted by the auctorite of this preſente parliamente, that this his ſayde free pardon, by the generall wordes before reherſed, ſhal be reputed deemed, and iudged, allowed and taken in all maner courtes of his, and els where, in al and ſingular claues wordes and ſentences mentioned and reherſed in this ſayde free pardon, moſt beneficiallye and auaylable to all and ſingular his ſayd ſubiectes, bodyes corporate and others before reherſed, and to euery of them, and moſte ſtronglye in barre and diſcharge againſt his highnes bys heyes, ſucceſſours & executors, in euery thing wythout anye obſtacle, ambiguitye, chalenge or other delaye whatſoeuer it ſhalbe, to be made, pleded, objected, or alledged by the king our ſoneraigne lord, his heyes, ſucceſſours, or executors, or by his, or any of their general attourney or attourneys, or by any perſon or perſons, for his highnes or anye of his heyes, ſucceſſours, or executors.

¶ And furthermore it is enacted by the auctorite of this preſente parliament, that if anye officer or clerke of anye of his highnes courtes, commonlye called the kinges benche, chauncerye, and common place, or of his eſchequer, or anye other officer or clerke of any other of his courtes, wythin this Realme, at anye tyme after the fyrſt daye of Maye next comminge, whiche ſhalbe in the yeare of our Lord God M. D. xliii. make out or wyte out any maner writs or other proceſſe, or any extretes, ſommons or other preceptes, wherby any of the ſaid ſubiectes, or any of the ſayd bodyes corporate, or other before reherſed, or any of them ſhalbe in any wiſe arreſted, attached, diſtrayned, ſomoned or otherwiſe vexed, inquieted or greued in his or their bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes or cattelles or in any of the, for or becauſe of any maner thinge pardoned or diſcharged, by vertue of this acte of free pardon. Then he ſo offending, and thereof lawfully cōdemned, ſhal yelde and pay for recompence thereof to the partye ſo greued or offended, treble damages, accounted as parcels of theſe damages al coſtes of the ſuite: And neuertheleſs all and ſingular ſuch writtes, proces, extretes and preceptes, ſo to be made for or vpon any maner thinge pardoned or diſcharged by this preſent acte of free pardon, ſhalbe utterly voyde and of none effecte.

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Excepte and alwayes forpyrped oute of this generall free pardon, all and all maner of heresies and erronious opinions, and all maner of suche highe treasons committed or done by any person or persons, by anye ouert deede wytyng or pryncing, only against the kinges and the Queenes most royall persons, or either of them, the heires and successours of his maiestye or any of theim, and all insurrections, rebellions, conspiracies and confederacies, traitterously had, comitted, deuised or done by any person or persons against the kinges personne or this his realme. And also excepted all treasons committed or done by any person or persons by colour of any pretence to the intent to depriue the kinges maiestye of his title of supreme hed of the church of Englande and Irelande, or of any of them. And also excepted al maner of treasons comitted or done by any person or persons in the parties beyond the sea, or in anye other place oute of the kinges dominions, and all suites punishmentes, executions, peynes of death forseyntures and penalties, for or by reason or occasion of anye of the heresies or treasons afoze excepted. And also excepted and forpyrped oute of the saide pardon, all offences and contemptes committed and done by any person or personnes againste the statute or statutes of prouision and premunire, or againste anye of the same statutes, and all forseyntures, profittes and titles that maye growe or come to the kinges highnes by reason of the same. And also excepted all prepyrped and voluntarie murders, all kindes of voluntarie and wilfull porsoning of any person or persons, and all offences concerninge the abhominable vice of buggerye. And all and singular burgularies of houses and Churches, and al robberies of goodes in Churches or Churchye. Al robberies done vppon or to mennes personnes, all rapes and carnal rauishmentes of women, all wilfull and felonious burninge of houses, all wilfull escapes, as well of heretikes traytours and felons, as of clerkes atteinted. And also excepted all felonies and robberies against the lawes and statutes of this realme, of felonious taking or stealing of any money, goodes or cattelles aboue the value of xl.s. And also excepted all and singular accessaries of or to the saide offences before excepted, and to euerye of them or any of them. And also excepted all attaiunders and vclaries of heresies, treasons, murders, robberies and burgularies, and also of felonies aboue the summe of xl.s. promulged or had against any person or persons.

And also excepted all offences committed or done by anye contumacious nygramacy witchcraftes sorcery or inchaunmentment, contrary to the fourme of anye the statutes in that case prouided: And all offences done by bygging downe or casting downe of anye crosse or crosles. And also excepted al maner of prophesieng vpon declaration of names, armes, badges or other thinges contrary to the statute in that case prouided. And also excepted all riottes, routes, and vnlawfull assemblies committed or done aboue the number of xx. personnes. And also excepted all maner of alienations and gyftes into mortmayne, or to the vse of any maner of mortmayne, wythout the kinges lycence. And all maner of takinge the issues, rentes, reuenues, and

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and profittes of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, of anye frantour, murderer, felon, clerke or clerkes atteinted, persons outlawed, and fugitives, or of anye of them. And also excepted all treasure troue, and al intrusions had, made or done in any manours, lands, tenementes, or other hereditamentes: And also excepted all wastes of the kynges woodes, in anye of his focestes, parkes, chaces and els where, and all offences against bert and venyson, in any of the kynges focestes, parkes or chaces, contrary to the statute or statutes thereof had or made: And al wastes committed and done in any of the kynges wardes landes, or in the wardes landes of anye of the kynges commitees. And also excepted all forseyntures of marpage, and all offences of vsurpe and corrupte bargaynes. And also all conceleimentes of customes and subsidies, and of all and singuler accomptantes: And also excepte all and singular dettes due to the kynges highnes, or to anye other to his vse. And also excepte all enclosures and decapes of houses of husbandry made, done, committed or permitted contrary to the fourme & effect of anye estatute or estatutes heretofore made, and all issues, profittes, amerciamentes, fynes and other penalties, whiche now be due for anye suche enclosure or decapes. And also excepted all maner of rasinges, interlinings, embellinge and withdravinge of any record in any of the kynges courtes against the fourme of the statute in that case provided.

¶ And also excepted all maner of vnlawful claymes, vsurpations, vserabuser, and not vser of anye liberties, franchises, priuileges and iurisdictiones, wherof or for the which anye writte or suite of Quo warranto is nowe depending in any of the kynges courtes. And also excepted and forpyssed al offences committed suffered or done by any person or persons against the fourme of the statute or statutes of sewers and rebels. And also excepte all and singular alienations wpythout licence, of anye manours, landes tenementes or hereditamentes, holden of the king in chiefe: and al ranshmentes and withholdinges of the kynges wardes, and wardes landes, at anye tyme come or growen to the kynges handes, and not yet discharged.

¶ And also excepted all accomptes, and all actions suites & impetitions for the same. And all arerages of accomptes and dettes due for the same, and all defayning and worthholdinge from the kynges highnes of any of his goodes or cattelles. And also excepte all titles and actions of Quare impedit, and all escapes of clerkes atteinted, and al homages and relieves, rentes, seruices and arerages of the same not done or payed.

¶ And also excepted all dettes which were due to the mooste noble kinge of famous memozy king Henry the seventh, or to any person or persons to his vse, by and condemnation, recognisance, obligation or other wyse.

¶ And also all and singular those forsayntures beinge due to oure soueraigne lord king Henry the viii. by anye penaltie, statute or statutes, which be conuerted into the nature of dett by iudgement or by agreement of the offendour or offendours.

¶ And also excepted all forsayntures and other penalties and profittes growen

men or due by reason of any offence or acte committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the common law, wherof any leaseure is made, or any information is geuen in the kynges eschequer, or anye suite or action commensed in the same eschequer, or in the kynges benche, common place, or in the sterre chamber, or wherof the kynges hyghnes by hys byll signed or other wyse, heretofore hath made any gyft or assignement to anye person or persons.

C And also excepted all issues fines and amerciamentes assayed, taxed, set, extreted, or iudged severallye or particularye, extendinge to anye summe or summes of money.

C And also excepted and forgyfied oute of this generall and free pardon all such persons as the sayd xiiii. daye of Januarie or after, and before the xvii. daye of Marche, in the yere of oure Lorde God. M. D. xliii. were or be in pryson wpythin the toure of London, or els where for anye maner offence of herespe or hyghe treason. And also excepted all and euery such personne and persons as haue bene heretofore excepted and forgyfied by name or names in any general pardon, or in any other pardon geuen or graunted by our sayde soueraigne lord the king.

C And also excepted all such personne and persons, which haue heretofore fledde for their offences of herespe or highe treason, out of this realme of England, or other the kynges dominions of the same.

C Prouded alwaie and be it enacted by the auctorite of this presente parliament, that all and euery personne and persons, which haue tenced or ought to sue livery out of our sayde soueraigne Lorde the kynges handes, of any manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, whatsoener they be, shall sue his or theyr livery and liueries out of our sayd soueraigne lord the kynges handes, for his or their manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, any article acte or actes, thing or thinges, in this presente acte of generall and free pardon compysed and specified to the contrarie notwithstandinge.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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